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ROOSEVELT PRESENTS SIX-POINT PROGRAMME TO CONGRESS



The Emperor of Annam, who was recently married to Miss Nguyen Hu Hao, daughter of a great Indo-Chinese mandarin, amid picturesque rites.—(S. & G.).

SUMMER'S EARLY ARRIVAL IN ENGLAND

Warmest April Day For 40 Years.

CROWDS FLOCK TO COAST AND COUNTRYSIDE

London, To-day.
The warmest April day for 40 years was experienced over a large part of England yesterday, bringing forth thousands of week-end holiday-makers who thronged the sea-side resorts and countryside.

The shade temperature in London touched 75 degrees Fahrenheit, four degrees higher than the average maximum temperature of July and August, which are normally the hottest months of the year.

The summer-like conditions resulted in a vast exodus from London. From the early hours of the day huge crowds streamed out of the city by road and railway. The roads leading to the coast were thronged with motor-cars throughout the day, while streams of traffic made an early invasion of the countryside. The upper reaches of the Thames swarmed with pleasure craft, summer frocks and flannels adding gaiety to the scene.—Reuter.

RIOTS AVOIDED IN FRANCE.

Government Quells Civil Servants.

MANY TELEGRAPH OFFICIALS DISMISSED.

Paris, To-day

The demonstrations staged throughout France yesterday by civil servants as a protest against the cuts in pay, passed off without incident.

The Prefects, under instructions from M. Albert Sarraut, Minister of Interior, refused to receive delegations wishing to present resolutions passed by demonstrators.

As a sequel to incidents at the Central and other telegraph offices in Paris, a score of officials, not stop on the Castle Peak Road, have been dismissed.—Reuter.

SENATE LEADERS CONSULTED

MONETARY LEGISLATION INCLUDED

INTERPRETED AS INDICATION OF MODERATE SILVER LEGISLATION

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WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, SENATOR KEY PITTMAN, AFTER THE SENATE LEADERS' CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, ON SATURDAY, SAID THAT THEY DISCUSSED ALL THE PENDING LEGISLATION. HE DECLINED TO COMMENT FURTHER.

Observers believe that the President, apparently, is still unsympathetic towards silver legislation, but may yield to Congressional pressure, particularly if such a move is necessary to insure the success of his tariff plans.

The item of monetary legislation in the White House statement continues to puzzle observers. It is learned that the Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, attended the conference, causing reports that silver was specifically discussed.

Mr. Morgenthau and the Senators declined to comment on the meeting. Answering a question as to whether President Roosevelt had rejected the silver proposals, Senator Smith said: "Let him talk. There are a damn lot of blockheads among the gold die-hards."—United Press Per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

FINANCIAL BILLS TO BE COMPLETED.

Reciprocal Tariffs On Programme.

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Washington, Yesterday.

After a 2½-hours' conference on Saturday, with the Senate leaders President Roosevelt has called Congress to enact a minimum six-point legislative programme.

The White House has announced that it is expected that Congress will dispose of:

Firstly, monetary legislation. Secondly, reciprocal tariffs. Thirdly, the Revenue Bill. Fourthly, Federal deposit insurance. Fifthly, the Municipal Bankruptcy Bill. Sixthly, stock exchange control.

The statement did not explain the reference to monetary legislation. However, inquiry elicited the explanation that the phrase did not refer to any specific legislation, but that it was recognition of the likelihood of the enactment of some Bill, possibly the Dies Silver Bill, somehow affecting the currency situation.

Some interpret the statement as evidence that the Administration plans to enact a moderate silver Bill of some kind in an effort to quell the developing silver rebellion.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

EUROPEAN FAILS TO STOP.

Cook Knocked Down On Castle Peak Rd.

Chung Yuk-kam, a cook, was removed to the Kowloon Hospital, suffering from injuries to his right shoulder after being knocked down by a motor car said to have been driven by an European who did not stop on the Castle Peak Road on Saturday at 8.45 p.m.

Congress Monetary Conference.

Called By Senator Thomas

Washington, To-day.

A summons to all members of Congress to attend a monetary conference on April 23, has been issued by Senator Thomas, of Oklahoma, one of the leaders of the silver bloc, to consider every possible line of action towards settling America's monetary problems.

Silver remonetisation will be discussed first.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT URGES TWO BILLS.

Tariffs And Control Of Stock Market.

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Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has urged the necessity of the passage of the Tariff Bills and stock market legislation.

He disapproved the coconut oil tax which is included in the new Tax Bill passed by the Senate on Friday, on the grounds that it might seriously hurt the economic conditions of the Philippines.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

BANKHEAD BILL IN FINAL STAGES.

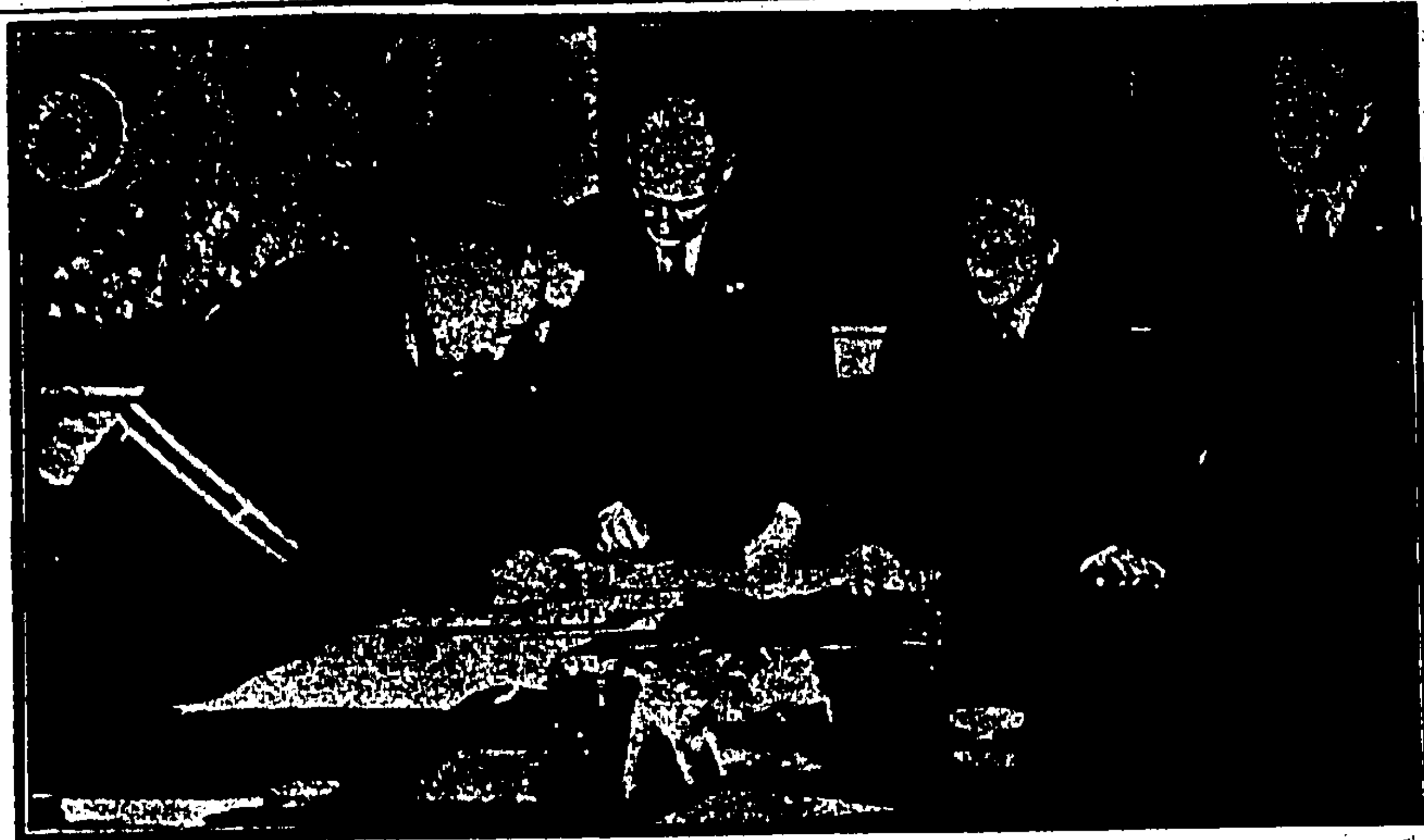
Approved By Senate.

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Washington, To-day.

The United States Senate by 89 votes to 28, has accepted the Bankhead Bill for compulsory control of cotton.

The report now goes to the House of Representatives for final action.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.



The signing of the Three Power Pact. Signor Mussolini, on March 18, signed in Rome, the Three Power Agreement entered into by Italy, Austria and Hungary. Signor Mussolini is seen signing the Agreement while Dr. Dollfuss, the Austrian Chancellor, and General Goemboes, the Hungarian Premier, stand by waiting to sign.—(S. & G.).

BOND DEALINGS ON WALL ST.

Tremendous Interest Last Week.

STOCKS IGNORED OWING TO UNCERTAINTY ON BILL

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New York, To-day.

Wall Street is tremendously interested in bonds. Ignoring stocks until the Regulation Bill is clarified.

Last week \$91,871,000 of par value bonds were dealt with on the Stock Exchange, bringing the year's cumulative total to \$1,284,271,000, as compared with last year's corresponding total of \$781,200,000.

This is due to the lack of new issues, plus the increase in investment money in the available banks, and the desire for liquidity.

All these factors are booming bond prices.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

STOCK MARKET BILL REVISION.

Almost Completed By House Sub-Committee.

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Washington, To-day.

The House of Representatives' Inter-State sub-Committee has virtually completed the revision of the Stock Market Bill, and have approved the controversial section regarding segregating dealers and brokers, and also the provision concerning over-counter dealings.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

POLISH OFFICIALS IN CAR CRASH.

Chief Press Officer And Wife Killed.

Warsaw, To-day.

Herr Ruecker, the chief Press Officer at the Polish Foreign Office, and his wife were instantly killed, and Herr Wzrost, a prominent political journalist, was severely injured, in a motor smash near Radom, yesterday. Herr Ruecker was well known at Geneva, and acted as Polish Press Officer at the League of Nations and the Disarmament Conference. His wife was formerly Countess Lubienka.—Reuter.

NEW DUTCH MOVE IN RUBBER RESTRICTION REPORTED

Documents Stated To Have Been Forwarded To Britain

The Hague, To-day.

The Dutch newspaper, "Maasbode," learns from a most reliable source that the British Government yesterday received from the Dutch government, documents in regard to proposals for rubber restriction. A denial that an official statement of any kind was made or authorized by the Dutch Colonial Office, was understood to have been authorized by the Dutch Government on Friday.—Reuter.

FINANCING N.R.A. CODES

Firms' Contributions Towards Expenses.

DEFAULTERS TO BE DEPRIVED OF "BLUE EAGLE"

New York, To-day.

A further step in the "regimentation of industry" taken by President Roosevelt by the issuing of an executive order whereby only firms contributing to the expenses of the Code Administration will be allowed to display the "Blue Eagle."

The non-payment of contributions will mean that the firms concerned will be deprived of the "Blue Eagle" emblem and all other Code privileges, and will be exposed to proceedings for the collection of money due.

At the same time, in order to protect employers from racketeering by organisers of industrial groups, all rates assessment in the various Codes and budgets of these Codes, must be approved by General Hugh Johnson, the National Recovery Administrator, before collection.—Reuter.

GENERAL HUANG FU IN SHANGHAI

Political Activity Expected.

Shanghai, To-day.

Shanghai is expected to become a hive of political activity with the arrival this morning from Nanchang of General Huang Fu, Chairman of the Peking Military Council, on the China Merchants' vessel, Kiangshin, which he boarded at Kiangshin.

General Huang Fu, who is staying at his own home in the French Concession, is expected to leave for Hangchow next week to pay his respects to the ancestral tombs. It is not yet known whether and when he will return to the North.—Reuter.

COLD SPELL WILL LAST TWO DAYS

Lowest Temperature Since 1925.

55.1 DEGREES AT 3 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING

The present low temperatures are likely to affect Hong Kong for another two days, Mr. B. D. Evans, acting Director of the Royal Observatory, told the China Mail this morning.

"The cold snap is entirely due to an anti-cyclone settled over the Yangtze Valley, and until it shifts there are no prospects of any warm weather," said Mr. Evans.

The mean temperatures on Friday, Saturday and Sunday were 68.4, 62.3 and 68.7, as compared with normal temperatures of 69.8, 70.1 and 70.3.

The lowest temperature during the present cold spell was 55.1 degrees, at 3 o'clock this morning, which is the lowest April reading since 1925. The lowest April temperature ever recorded in Hong Kong was 51.8 degrees on April 4, 1905.

The temperature at noon to-day was 60.2 degrees.

WEATHER REPORT

Cloudy weather, with moderate north-east winds, was the weather forecast issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

MR. W. B. WALKER'S DEATH

President Of Standard Oil Company.

FORMER COLONY RESIDENT

The death occurred at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, on April 13, of Mr. W. B. Walker, President of the newly-formed Standard-Vacuum Oil Company.

Mr. Walker, who was with the Standard Oil Company of New York, in Hong Kong, from 1895 to 1923, was appointed General Manager of the South China Department in 1916. He returned to New York in 1923 on being appointed a director of S.O.C.O.N.Y.

Later, he became a Vice-President and when the S.O.C.O.N.Y. and Vacuum Oil Corporations merged in 1927, he became Vice-President of the Socony-Vacuum Corporation. (Continued on Page 9.)

"NO JAPAN CONQUEST IN THE PACIFIC"

Too Much Occupied In Manchuria.

CONSUL-GENERAL'S OUTBURST IN NEW ZEALAND

Wellington, To-day.

"Japan has not the slightest intention of making a political invasion or conquest in the Pacific. The idea has not entered the heads of the country's leaders," declared the Japanese Consul-General for Australia and New Zealand yesterday.

He continued by saying that Japan had not turned covetous eyes on Australia and New Zealand with the hope of obtaining fresh lands for colonisation.

He stated that she was now too much occupied in Manchuria, without looking south.

Russia was the danger, he continued, though Japan had not intended conquering Russia. China was wanting purely for defensive measures.—Reuter.

SAMI PASHA DIES IN BERLIN.

Colourful Career Ended.

SUPPRESSED TWO KURDISH RISINGS.

Berlin, To-day.

The Turkish Ambassador to Berlin, Kemal Eddin Sami Pasha, died suddenly yesterday at the age of 49 after an abdominal operation at a Berlin hospital.

Sami Pasha served on the Turkish General Staff during the War. When the Allies occupied Constantinople, he hid for several months and escaped to Asia Minor aboard an Italian vessel disguised as a trimmer.

He was recalled from the Berlin Embassy in 1924 and again in 1930, to suppress Kurdish risings. He was married to an Egyptian, Princess Emingeh.—Reuter.

GERMAN THREAT OF DEFAULT.

Complete Suspension Of Debt Service.

DROP IN CURRENCY RESERVES.

Berlin, to-day.

Practically the complete suspension of the debt service of the Dawes and Young loans is foreshadowed by the German newspaper, Frankfurter Zeitung. The journal states that in view of the daily growing drop in the Reichsbank's foreign currency reserves, Germany, at the forthcoming debt conference in Berlin, on April 27, will be forced to tell creditors that further transfer restriction are inevitable, and that privileged loans can hardly be exempt any longer.—Reuter.



The WOMAN'S Page



Completing Fashion Picture

Jewellery Must Match Ensemble.

ODD NECKLACES OUT OF DATE

The day when a woman purchased a necklace for the sake of the necklace alone is gone forever. Today every accessory is chosen with an eye toward its purpose in completing a fashion picture. Nothing could better illustrate that point than the sudden trend for tailored accessories which has sprung up with the fashion for tailored tweeds.

A woman would no sooner think of wearing a rhinestone necklace with her tweed than she would think of wearing that tweed to a formal dinner!

Sports Jewellery

First among the types of jewellery for tweed wear and all sports wear is wooden jewellery. The introduction of this fashion was several seasons ago, and it is almost a jewellery classic.

All wood or wood with metal is extremely smart and is perfect for the tweed picture. There are various length necklaces, novelty clips and brooches, and smart wide bracelets. With three quarter and shorter sleeves the fashion, the bracelet continues to be very important.

Tailored Bags

Right next to the wooden jewellery comes the tailored handbag. It usually assumes giant proportions and becomes the kind of bag that will stand much good, hard wear.

There are any number of leathers used but the smartest are those rather rough grains that are in the perfect accord with tweeds. Many concealed pockets are an important feature of these bags. They have spaces within them that one would never dream could be encased in one single handbag.

UBIQUITOUS SPORTS CLOTHES

Jumper Blouses Are Popular.

SOME NEW STYLES

How easily one can work out changes in the sports attire! Take, for instance, as a foundation a beige tweed skirt and Norfolk coat buttoned down the centre front.

If it closes well up to the throat the coat can be worn without a shirt, but if worn open then a beige wool blouse is useful. A new jersey model has a circular yoke in colour, closing at the neck with a narrow band an inch wide, fastened with a button.

An attractive knitted blouse in beige wool has a yoke in willow green, with a slit down the front so that it can be worn open.

Another type of jumper blouse, popular at the moment, has a straight collar two inches wide, with ends about eight inches in length. These fold over each other and are fastened with a pin.



Novelties In Shoe Styles

Low Heels For Day Or Evening.

There is a new deal ahead for shoes and for feet! Variety is entering the footwear world and women will have the fun of changing from one type of shoe to another. This, experts inform us, is very good for the well-being of the feet.

Schiaparelli started it! For an entire season that famous lady whose taste is unerring has been wearing very flat heeled shoes, not only for daytime, but for evening as well. This is a radical change, and while it may not prove a popular evening fashion, it is decidedly a smart one, and one that is fun to wear. The heels on these sandals are about one inch high...and some are even heelless.

First For Sports

This vogue for low heels may be traced to the popularity and comfort of the beach sandal. Many smart women have been going heelless for several seasons on the beach and it was from this that the fashion has gained impetus. The low heel looks well and not extreme in sport shoes. They make much use of cord and tassels as trimming. In the afternoon and evening picture, this fashion becomes more fanciful. Braiding, lacing, ties, and clasps serve to hold the shoes on the feet.

FREE AND EASY SEA CLOTHES

Everybody In Shorts This Summer.

Play clothes for the beach have followed in the wake of swimming suits. They have grown briefer, and as free as the wind. While, a few seasons ago smart beach combers were flapping along in wide, and long pajamas, this year finds them all putting them away in favour of the newer, freer shorts.

There's a long story that could be written about shorts. The winter season in Florida and on all smart beaches showed them far, and above every other beach fashion. All kinds of shorts. Flannel shorts, plaid gingham shorts, coarse linen shorts, and even knitted shorts. Some were hand-crocheted and looked like baby pants.

The wearing of the shorts is not combined only to young things who have figures above reproach.

If you're above the age who wear the very close fitting kind that look like Boy Scout shorts there are plenty made with waistline pleats, and that hang full like a little skirt.

If you don't go in for much exposure, there is a very smart outfit that consists of shorts, shirt, and a skirt that buttons on. If the past winter season in the southland is any indication and it invariably is, all America will be taking its shorts along when they go out on the beach this coming summer!

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN

Macaroni a la Viennoise.
Vol au Vent of Fish
Semolina and Tomato Shape
Mushroom Sauce
Cocoanut Custard Tart

DINNER

Breton Broth
Spinach Souffles
Baked Fennel Haddie
Spanish Rice
Butter Sauce
Salade Russe Maigre
Cream Mayonnaise
Ginger Bettes
Macaroni a la Viennoise

½ lb. of macaroni, 1 oz. of butter, 2 teaspoons chopped parsley, 1 gill of cream, the yolks of 2 eggs, salt and pepper, fried potatoes, capers. Break the macaroni into pieces, cook until tender in plenty of fast-boiling water, it will take about ¼ hour, then drain well. Melt the butter in a pan, put in the macaroni, parsley, and a good seasoning of salt and pepper. Make the mixture thoroughly hot. Beat up the yolks, add the cream, and pour on to the macaroni. Stir the mixture on the stove until it is quite hot, but do not let it boil, or it will curdle. Pile it up on a hot dish, and garnish it with little heaps of chopped capers and fried potatoes.

Breton Broth

1 pint of milk, 1 pint white stock, 1 oz. of butter, ½ oz. of flour, 1 teacupful of shredded lettuce, cabbage or green tops of leeks, 1 oz. of rice, 1 teacupful of raw or cooked potato cut in dice. ½ teacupful of minced onion, 2 tablespoonfuls of chopped parsley, salt, pepper and sugar. Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the finely shredded lettuce or cabbage, or leek-tops and onion. Cook for about 5 minutes. Add the stock and milk. Heat until boiling. Then add the rice, potato, salt, pepper, and ½ teaspoon of sugar. Boil the soup gently until all the vegetables are tender. Then add the flour, mixed thinly and smoothly with cold water, and reboll. Lastly add the parsley, and if too thick, all little extra milk.

Spinach Souffles

1 lb. stewed spinach, 3 eggs, 2 tablespoonfuls cream, ½ ounce butter, a dust of sugar and pepper, some browned crumbs. Remove the stalks and faded leaves of the spinach, wash in plenty of clean water at least 3 times, and boil for about ½ hour or until tender. Mince and rub through a sieve. Separate the yolks and whites of the eggs, add the beaten yolks, cream, sugar, and pepper to the spinach. Whisk the whites to a stiff froth, and stir them lightly into the mixture. Put the mixture into small souffle cases. Sprinkle a few browned crumbs on the top of each, put a few bits of butter on the top, and bake for ¼ hour.

Spanish Rice

1 large breakfast cupful of boiled rice, 4 tablespoonfuls of grated cheese, 4 tablespoonfuls of tomato pulp, 1 teacupful of grated onion, 1 ounce of butter, 1 small teaspoon each of mixed mustard, curry-powder, and chutney. Seasoning, browned crumbs. Melt the butter in a saucepan, put in the onion and curry-powder, and cook for a few minutes. Add the rice, cheese, tomato pulp, and chopped chutney, and mix and beat all thoroughly. Season the mixture carefully, and turn it into a pie-dish. Sprinkle

Satin and Lace



Never more beautiful was Mary Brian, film actress, than in this creation designed especially for her. The evening gown is of cream lace worn over a satin slip of the same color. The gown is cut on princess lines and is belted with a piece of the lace. The off-the-shoulder straps are trimmed with bands of roses in the same tone. The belt fastens with a jewelled buckle.

the surface with browned crumbs, and reheat it in the oven. Serve very hot.

Ginger Bettes

4 oz. of flour, 2 level teaspoonfuls of ground ginger, 1 level teaspoonful of mixed spice, 3 eggs, 2 oz. of butter, 3 oz. of sugar, 2 teaspoonfuls golden syrup, ½ teaspoonful of baking powder. Beat the butter and sugar together with a wooden spoon until they are soft and white like whipped cream. Beat the egg until frothy, and stir them slowly into the butter and sugar. Mix the flour, ginger, spice, and baking powder, very thoroughly; add these to the eggs, and then the syrup. Well grease some moulds, and when the ingredients are well mixed, half fill the moulds with mixture. Bake in a moderate oven for about 20 minutes. Turn out carefully and serve hot.

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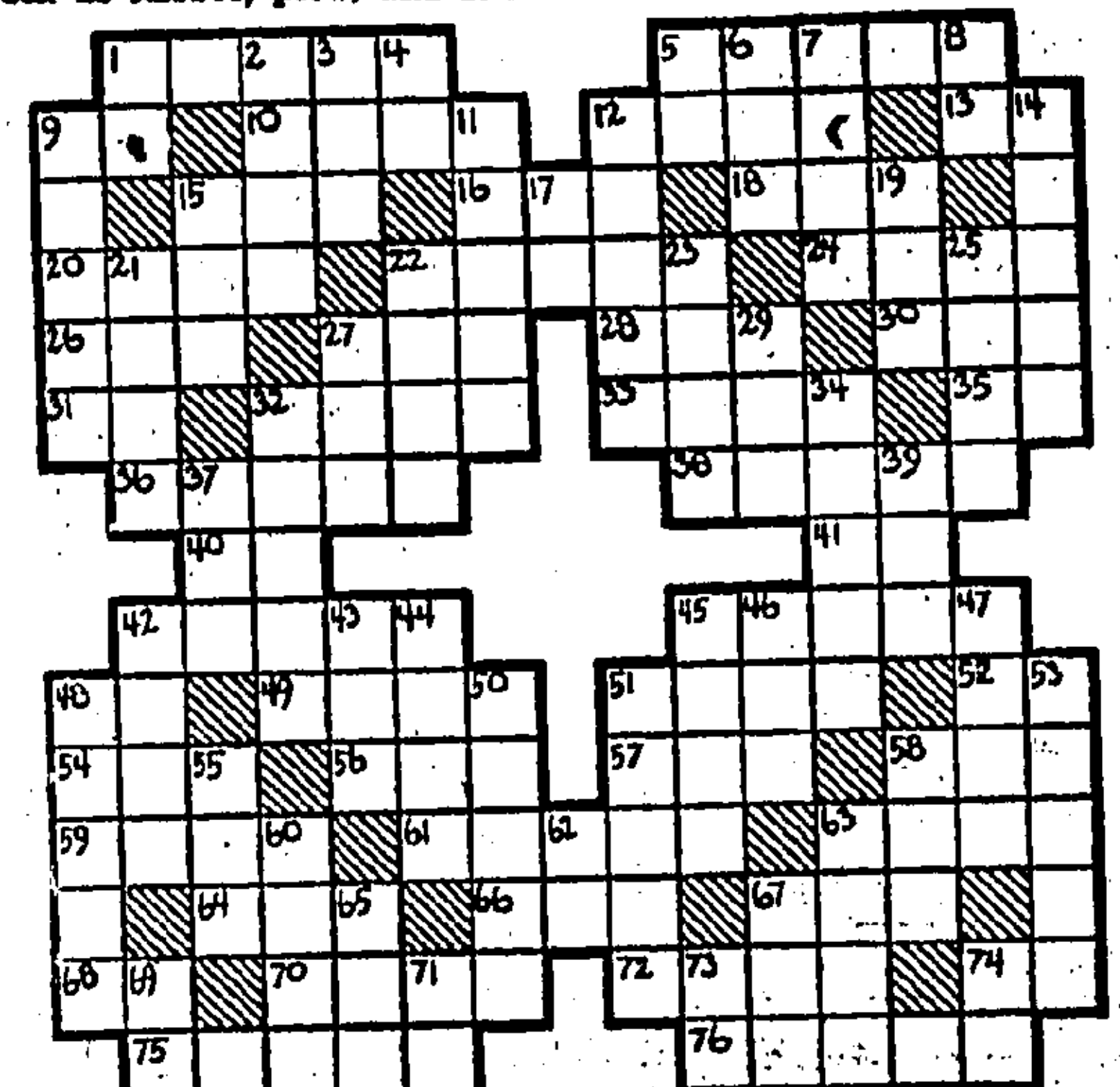
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Parsonage
- 5-Poets
- 9-Exist
- 10-Dines
- 12-Confagration
- 13-Exists
- 15-Cut
- 16-Female sheep
- 18-Joined
- 20-Molt
- 22-Slumber
- 24-Venture
- 26-Weight measure
- 27-Elongated fish
- 28-Noise
- 30-Grinson
- 31-Printer's measure
- 32-Greek god of war
- 33-Bolt slowly
- 35-Of age (Lat. abbr.)
- 36-Penetrates
- 38-Hot vapor
- 40-Part of the Bible (abbr.)
- 41-Indefinite article
- 42-To be upright
- 45-Scare
- 48-Mother (short)
- 49-Restrain
- 51-Troubles
- 52-You and me
- 54-Aged
- 55-Very small

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 57-Eternity
- 58-Raw metal
- 59-A metal
- 61-Small candle
- 63-Paradise
- 64-An insect
- 65-Measure of length
- 67-Evening (Post.)
- 68-Because
- 70-A serpent (pl.)
- 72-Inflamed place on the skin
- 74-Musical note
- 75-Scandinavian people
- 76-More lucid

VERTICAL

- 1-Pronoun
- 2-Want
- 3-Observed
- 4-And (Lat.)
- 6-Prefix. Twice
- 7-Long grass stem
- 8-Musical note
- 9-Scare loosely
- 11-Disposes of by sale
- 12-Gives food to
- 14-Native of Sweden
- 15-A fowl
- 17-You and I
- 19-Sailor (Colloq.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 21-Family residence
- 22-One who foretells
- 23-Deep holes
- 25-Paper measure
- 27-Before
- 28-Snare
- 32-Perfume from rose petals
- 34-Alienates the affection of
- 37-Used in negation
- 38-An insect
- 42-Sarter
- 43-Recent
- 44-Course of food
- 45-House entrance
- 46-Even (Contr.)
- 47-Certain
- 48-Shapes
- 50-Approaches
- 51-Worthless plants
- 53-Meaning
- 55-To strike lightly
- 58-Lytic poem
- 60-Darling
- 62-Italian river
- 63-Equal
- 65-A letter
- 67-Epoch
- 69-Ahead
- 71-A church (abbr.)
- 72-Bone (Lat.)
- 74-Railroad (abbr.)

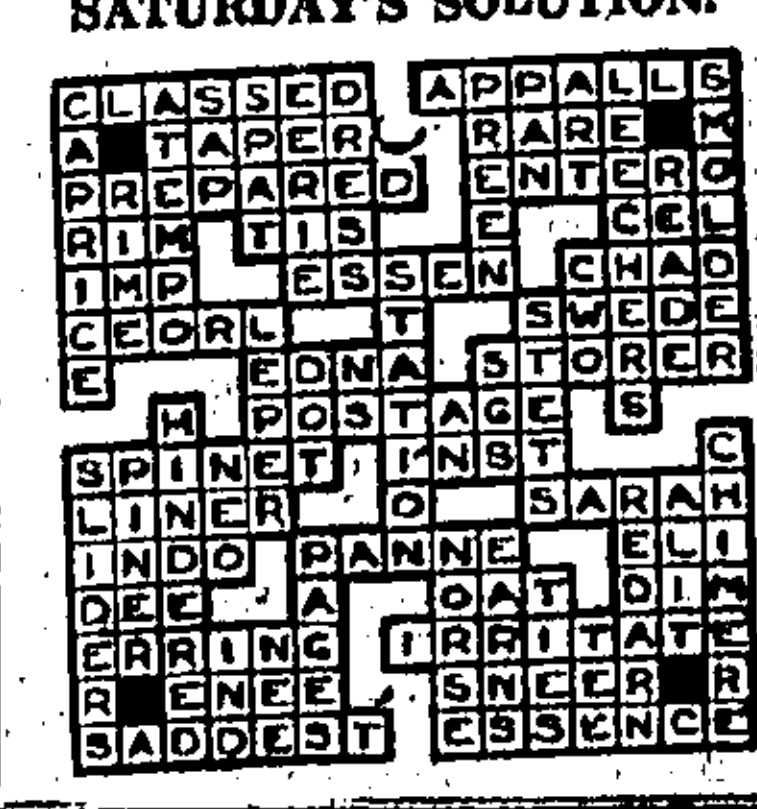
The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

INTRIGUING BAG

Collapsible Model On Satchel Lines.

An intriguing bag is being displayed for spring. It is made of calf, is about 10 inches long and has the lines of a squat satchel. When empty, it collapses and may be stowed away in a small space.

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COMPANY MEETINGS

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-ninth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration)

will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 17th. April, 1934, at 11.30 A.M.

for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1933.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Thursday, the 12th. day of April to Wednesday the 18th. day of April, 1934, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hong Kong, 6th. April, 1934.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 23rd April, 1934, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1933.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 23rd April, 1934, both dates inclusive.

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BRIDGE NOTES

VIENNA COUP

by Ely Culbertson.

In the typical squeeze situation, when a player is forced to unguard one or more stoppers in his hand, thus enabling his opponent to take tricks with minor cards, he can usually free himself of the pressure of discarding if he can choose his discards after the squeezing hand has been forced to choose his. The fundamental principle of the Vienna Coup is that Declarer, playing a hand for a squeeze, must sacrifice the master card in one suit or more in order that the defense player may not have this great advantage of time in discarding. Although this line of play establishes as the top card of its suit an otherwise secondary card in an adverse hand, it frees communication between the hands of the squeezing partnership.

North:—

S—J 2
H—K Q J 6 4
D—K 6 3 2
C—J 7

West:—

S—K 10 8 6 4 3
H—10 7
D—9 4
C—K 10 5

East:—

S—9 7
H—8 5 3
D—10 8 7
C—9 8 6 4 2

South:—

S—A Q 6
H—A 9 2
D—A Q J 5
C—A Q 3

I played the above hand in a Duplicate tournament at a contract of six notrump, but since every trick counts at Duplicate, I was most anxious to achieve the maximum result.

West opened the spade six; I played the spade Knave from Dummy, and it held the trick. Now I played four rounds of diamonds, taking the last in my own hand with the Ace.

On the last diamond West discarded the club Ten, and because I knew him to be an "honest" player I felt sure he was not false-carding. It was therefore obvious that should I finesse for the club King, I would lose a trick and make only six, and should I lead five rounds of hearts, it would be necessary for me to discard the Queen of either spades or clubs on the last heart, whereupon West could unguard his King of the same suit and win a sure trick with the King of the other suit.

I therefore played the club Ace at the sixth trick, and then played five rounds of hearts, discarding my Queen and three of clubs on the last two, at which point the position was as follows:

North:—

S—2
H—4
D—
C—J

West:—

S—K 10
H—
D—
C—K

South:—

S—A Q
H—
D—
C—Q

East:—

S—9
H—
D—
C—9 8

After I discarded the club Queen, West had to choose between throwing the club King, whereupon Dummy's Knave would have been high, or the spade Ten, thus allowing me to cash the Ace and Queen of spades. I, therefore, was successful in winning all 13 tricks.

BOOST FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Attracting Italian Tourists.

Rome.

Following the inauguration of the Italian-South African shipping service, the Union Government has started a campaign to boost South Africa among Italian tourists.

Alluring displays of pictures and posters have been arranged in shipping offices and tourist agencies by Mr. Eric Louw, the South African Minister in Rome.

He is also trying to persuade cinema to show special films of South African life and scenery.

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Spring Brings Renaissance in Male Fashions



The male and more conservative sex has put conservatism behind it and has gone color conscious and streamlined. The 1934 Beate Brummel will blossom out this spring in brilliant hues and trick cutaway coats. They'll be wearing pastel shades, too. The best dressed men of the world, never retiring in dress, are believed responsible for the change. Above are shown some of them, including Adolph Menjou, sartorial king of the movies; Fred Astaire, of Broadway fame; Michael Farmer, husband of Gloria Swanson; Anthony J. Drexl Biddle, Philadelphia society leader; and the Prince of Wales. Other top-notch dressers include William G. Lowe and F. Frazier Jelke, New York brokers, and Prince George of England.

CINEMA NOTES

MAIL REVIEW

"DESIGN FOR LIVING,"—KING'S THEATRE

Three prominent stars, Miriam Hopkins, Fredric March and Gary Cooper, are featured in the latest Paramount production, "Design for Living," adapted from Noel Coward's sensational stage success.

The story concerns the unusual triangle of a girl loving two men with equal intensity, while the two men retain their bosom friendship.

The solution is finally solved, but not before the audience are treated to some excellent acting.

The scenes are laid in the art-section of Paris, London, and Long Island.

Ernst Lubitsch directed the picture, and it is one of his outstanding successes.

MAIL REVIEW

"MAN OF TWO WORLDS"—CENTRAL THEATRE

Francis Lederer, who recorded a big success on the London and New York stages in "The Cat and the Fiddle" and "Autumn Crocus," is featured in the RKO-Radio production, "Man of Two Worlds," with Elissa Landi.

The famous Czech-Slovakian dancing-actor is cast as a eskimo hunter in a story with an intriguing love triangle, with Steffi Duna as his wife and Elissa Landi the other woman.

MAIL REVIEW

"MEET THE BARON"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

"Meet the Baron," a hilarious comedy with lifting musical numbers and a spectacular colour background, the current attraction at the Oriental Theatre, brings to the screen Jack Pearl, the famous "Baron Munchausen" of the radio, who, with Jimmy (Schnozzle) Durante, goes through a series of hectic adventures in a girls' college.

The picture has a remarkable Oliver (of "Ladies of the Jury"), famous comedienne, Edna May cast, including Zasu Pitts, the Ben Bard, Henry Kollier, William B. Davidson and Ted Healy and his Band. Walter Lan, who filmed "Warrior's Husband," directed.

MAIL REVIEW

"ROMAN SCANDALS"—QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA THEATRES

Ruth Etting, Gloria Stuart, David Manners, Edward Arnold, Verne Teasdale, and this year's novel, "The Song of Songs," which was adapted for screening by Leo Bricks and Samuel Hoffenstein.

"The Song of Songs," appears as her husband, Allison Skipworth, "Halleluiah" and Helen Freeman.

MAIL REVIEW

"SONG OF SONGS"—STAR THEATRE

Marianne Dietrich, exotic German film star, is featured in "Parade," latest attraction, "Song of Songs," which is now showing at the Star Theatre.

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"CYNARA"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

"Cynara" now showing at the Majestic Theatre is a story of the eternal triangle told in a new way.

Ronald Colman heads the brilliant cast, which includes Kay Francis, Phyllis Barry and Henry Stephenson.

The story, which is based on the novel, "An Imperfect Lover," by Mr. Gore-Brown, is a humanly romantic drama of a happily married man, who, in his wife's absence, becomes involved in a love affair with a shopgirl. The intrigue results in the wreck of his home and happiness.

MURDERER LOVED HIS VICTIM

Negro's Plea To Prison Governor.

STRANGE CASE IN AMERICA

Montgomery, Alabama.

A giant Alabama negro, Fred Kinney, who is to be electrocuted for the murder of Jim Phillips, 22-year-old white man, knelt on the floor of Governor Miller's office and told him that he loved the man he killed.

"Why, I loved that boy, Governor your Honour," he cried, his hands stretched in the air. "We was raised together, we ate together, hunted and fished together, played draughts together, I loved him."

"I was cutting wood for him at his house when he 'cused me of stealing. He was all nettled and mad and hit me with a hammer and then pulled out a big gun and I was frightened and upset."

"He pushed me into a fireplace and I picked up a poker and hit him, 'cause that big gun had me upset."

"If I could, dear Governor" Kinney concluded, "I'd reach right down and bring him back from his grave just like Jesus did Lazarus, that's how much I loved him."

His plea for commutation was taken under advisement.—Reuter.

ful brow-beaten lad from West Rome, Oklahoma, who finds himself in the Rome of the Caesars and involved in breath-taking adventures among the beautiful slave girls, the thundering chariots and the conspiracies of the imperial court.

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RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcasted to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wave length of 355 metres (845 K.C.s):—

1-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.

1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Recorded Music.

1.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.

1.30 p.m.—Local Forecast, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

DUAL TRANSMISSION FROM Z. E. K. TO-NIGHT.

5-8 p.m.—European Programme.

5.7 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, etc.

7.03-7.27 p.m.—Selections from Musical Comedy.

"White Horse Inn" (Erik Charell's) (Stols) New Mayfair Orchestra.

"Bitter Sweet" (Noel Coward) Jack Rylton & His Orchestra.

"The Dubarry" New Light Symphony Orchestra.

7.37-8 p.m.—Operatic.

Overture—"Tannhauser" (Wagner) Symphony Orchestra Conducted by Albert Coates.

Vocal Gems—"Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagni) (Leoncavallo) Grand Opera Company.

Band—"Aida" Grand March & Finale (Verdi) Band—"Aida" Introduction & Moorish Ballet (Verdi) Creator's Band.

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

8.03-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

10.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.55 p.m.—Close Down.

All relays of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestras by courtesy of the Management.

8.30-10 p.m.—European Recorded Programme from "Z. E. K." on 640 K.C.s.

8.30-9.47 p.m.—Sonata in F Minor (Brahms) Op. 120 No. 1. Lionel Terrie (Viola) Harry Cohen (Piano forte)

1st Movement—Allegro Appassionato.

2nd Movement—Andante un Poco Adagio.

3rd Movement—Allegretto Grazioso.

8.47-9.30 p.m.—Variety.

Song—What more can I ask.

Song—Brighter than the Sun.

Song—Anona Winn: (Soprano).

Orchestra—Delibes in Vienna.

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CHINESE TEAM WIN IN GOVERNOR'S CUP

CLUB & SAINTS SHOW POOR SHOOTING FORM

GAMBLE GOOD PARTNER FOR SYD STRANGE

(BY OUTSIDE LEFT)

POTE-HUNT, the Club's centre-half, was extremely unfortunate against St. Joseph's on Saturday. Just before half-time he twisted his knee and had to be carried off the field. He pluckily resumed after the interval at outside left, but he was a passenger throughout.

Both sets of forwards played good football, but the Saints combined better than did the Club—their short passing was excellent, but they were deplorably weak in front of goal, good shots being directed past the post and over the top.

Leonard played a fine game and eluded Strange very cleverly on several occasions, but he could not direct the ball into the net.

Gamble, partnering Strange in the back line, played a great game, and cleared well. Rodger played his usual good game and brought off many fine saves.

Howe played excellently, particularly in the second half when Pote-Hunt was injured. He tried very hard, and with some success, to control the left wing on his own. S. Strange, at left back, proved almost an impassable barrier, but E. Strange was not so impressive at forward—he played hard, but failed when in shooting distance.

B. Gosano, outside left for St. Joseph's, was at the top of his form. He was very speedy and controlled the ball well, his centres being perfect. They were unavailing, however, as the inside forwards could not find the net.

Sousa and Gosano were safe backs, both clearing their lines in fine style.

Sousa's Good Display

Sousa was the best man in the Radio's team against the Service Corps. He played a great game in goal, and undoubtedly kept the score much lower than it might have been. The Radio seldom passed the half-way line, and on the few occasions that they succeeded in entering the R. A. S. C.'s area they were met with a stone-wall defence in Lawlor and Alvis.

Recreio's Poor Marksmen

Recreio had the best of the encounter in the first half of their game against South China juniors, their forwards continually breaking through the China defence. On several occasions they would have scored, but for very poor shooting from easy positions.

In the second half, despite the fact that Cheung Pin Lun was forced to retire, suffering from an injured knee, South China showed a decided improvement in their tactics, and towards the end kept the Recreio defence very busy.

ATHLETIC FAIL TO APPEAR

East Lanes Ready For Encounter

The First Division match between the East Lanes and the Athletic was not played at Soekumpoo Ground yesterday.

The Regimental team and the referee were ready on the ground, but the Athletic team did not appear. After waiting for some minutes the referee dismissed the soldiers' team.

MIDWEEK MATCHES

The following are the midweek First Division soccer games arranged by the F. A.:

Wednesday
Borderers v Navy
Police v St. Joseph's
Wednesday, April 25
St. Joseph's v Borderers

RECREIO SUPERIOR BUT DRAW.

Lethargic Display By Gunners.

SOUSAE EXCELS

(By OUTSIDE LEFT)

On the average of play the Recreio were superior to the Artillery on Saturday. Mainly through the lethargic display of the military side, the Recreio, at times showed brilliance, especially noticeable between Sousa and his inside forwards, who were much too fast for the opposition and gave Wood in the Artillery goal several very anxious moments.

The Artillery found no great difficulty in bringing the ball into the Recreio area, but they were then incapable of placing it past Marques. Weak shooting, and at times wild shooting, was responsible, but their main fault lay in too close passing and dallying with the ball in front of goal.

Sousa gave a good exhibition, displaying a sound knowledge of ball distribution and formed with Gomes and L. Castilho, both of whom were on form, a dangerous trio.

Figureido put in plenty of hard work, though his wing-halves were apt to mis-kick, which however, did not affect the side as both Silva-Netto and Marques kept them covered perfectly.

Marques, very much at home with close shots, however fast, had a tendency to mis-judge long-range ones. Pardoe and his halves would have done well to concentrate on this type of bombardment, for of the only three accountable longshots in the game, the first actually entered the net; Marques fumbled the next, and the third resulted in a goal.

Wood was safe, and, on the whole, accurate in his handling between the Artillery sticks. Wroe by his positioning and clearances was the main stumbling block for the Recreio forwards. Pardoe had a day off, and the same may be said of the Gunner forwards, although they played well enough when not actually in front of goal.



HARLEQUINS LOSE TO GLOUCESTER.

Cardiff Beat Plymouth Albion.

HOME RUGBY RESULTS

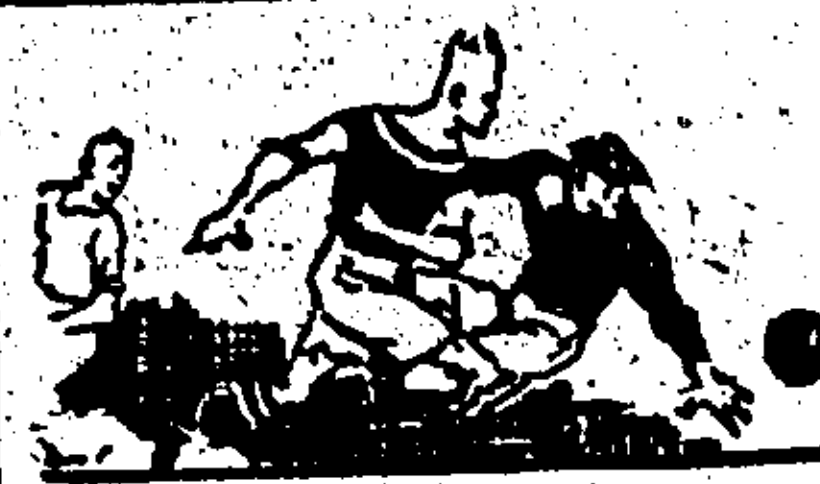
London, Saturday.
The following were the results of the leading Rugby Union games played to-day:

Bedford 10, Old Blues 5.
Birkenhead Park 14, Waterloo 10.
Exeter 3, Llanelli 13.
Gloucester 8, Harlequins 0.
Leicester 11, Blackheath 14.
Neath 12, Devonshire Services 4.
Newport 15, Bath 3.
Old Merchant Taylors 4, London Irish 6.
Pontypool 6, Bristol 6.
Plymouth Albion 6, Cardiff 8.
Wasps 0, London Welsh 12.

NEXT SATURDAY'S GAMES

The following is next Saturday's programme:
Harlequins v London Welsh
Leicester v Old Merchant Taylors
Northampton v Devonshire Services

New Zealand has selected the following team to represent her in the bowls section of the British Empire Games, which are to take place in England during the coming August:
H. Grocott, Q. C. Pollard, G. H. Carter, and W. W. Dillier. The team will sail for England aboard the s.s. "Ru-



HAZELWOOD AND MATTHIAS RATTLE K.F.C.

Cord Pluckily Defies Borderer Marksmen.

PODMORE AGAIN SHINES

(By OUTSIDE LEFT)

There were no goals scored in the first half of the match between the Borderers and Kowloon on Saturday, but, nevertheless, the Borderers were very strong on the attack, and it was only the fine effort of Cord that averted goals during several anxious periods.

Despite the rather overwhelming odds Kowloon put up a fine display and once or twice were unfortunate in not scoring. Had the forwards not hesitated when they received chance to shoot in front of the goal they might have beaten the alert Smith.

Credit is due once again to Matthias and Hazelwood, who, working on the right wing, had the Kowloon defence rattled with well-schemed advances. These two players, together with Podmore, may be said to have been mainly instrumental in giving the Borderers another victory.

For Kowloon 90 per cent of the credit for a fine game must go to Cord in goal.

Despite being hit heavily in the face when saving a shot during the first few minutes of the game, he showed excellent courage and judgement in keeping the soldiers at bay.

Elliott, the centre half, was a keen performer throughout the exciting encounter, being very persistent in his endeavours to feed his forwards. Willis and Eastman, the Kowloon full backs, were clever, and the civilians would probably have suffered a much bigger defeat had they not maintained a very close co-operation.

WILD SWAN ENTER FINAL.

Beat Witch In The Flotilla Cup.

In the semi-final round of the Flotilla's Knock-out Cup, H. M. S. Wild Swan defeated H. M. S. Witch by four goals to nil at Caroline Hill.

Saturday's Results And Goalscorers.

CLUB	W	D	L	F	A
KOWLOON	0	0	0	0	0
ARTILLERY	1	0	0	0	0
R.A.S.C.	3	0	0	0	0
RECREIO	0	0	0	0	0

League Tables To Date

CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	Goals	Pts
St. Joseph's	19	14	3	2	43	19	31	28
Borderers	18	15	0	3	61	21	30	30
Lincolns	18	12	2	4	30	23	28	26
South China	18	12	1	5	42	21	25	25
Navy	17	10	4	3	50	40	24	24
Club	19	8	2	9	46	61	18	18
Kowloon	20	7	2	11	34	59	16	16
East Lanes	18	6	2	10	23	42	14	14
Athletic	15	5	0	10	25	48	10	10
Police	17	4	2	11	21	54	10	10
Artillery	18	4	1	13	23	42	9	9
Recreio	19	1	3	15	19	65	5	5

GOAL SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION	THIRD DIVISION
Jones (Borderers)	Evans (R.A.S.C.)
Hopkins (R. A.)	Vaughan (R.A.S.C.)
Cashillo (Recreio)	Savages (Radio)
Hazelwood (Borderers)	Law Wing-kuong (S. China)
Matthias (Borderers)	

F. A. SIDE LOSE BY ODD GOAL

LEE WAI TONG SCORES THREE TIMES

CORD'S GRUELLING TEST

(By SPOT KICK)

LEADING by the odd goal in three at the interval the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation beat the Hong Kong Football Association eleven by 4 goals to 3 in the Governor's Soccer Cup series at Caroline Hill yesterday. Beaten in their first encounter with the F.A. this season the Chinese will now have an opportunity of winning the trophy for the second year in succession when they clash with the Association team in the deciding match.

Pau Ka-ping, in the Chinese goal, put up a really splendid show, and, together with Lau Mau in the defence, was instrumental in relieving the Chinese goal on several occasions.

Lee Wai-tong scored three of the four goals for the Chinese team, his speed and accuracy deserving great credit.

Marpas, playing centre forward for the F. A. players, scored all their three goals, his timing and judgment being perfect.

Mullane and A. V. Gosano gave a great display in defence, while Elliott and Hocquard in the forward line kept Marpas supplied with splendid centres.

The game commenced with the F.A. most of the pressing, and in the first few minutes a smart clearance was effected by Li Tinsang.

Following this China attacked and Tam Kong-pak sent in a fine header from several yards out, the ball just passing over the cross bar. Lee Wai-tong then fired in a powerful shot from ten yards, but Cord relieved in good style.

Elliott's Timely Save
The F.A. returned to the attack, and some fine exchanges were witnessed, with the ball being swung from wing to wing by good com-

bination. An exciting moment occurred when Lee Wai-tong had the ball under control some feet from goal and was about to shoot when Elliott rushed in a cleared with a first-time kick.

Three goals then came in quick succession. Following a quick pass from Ip Pak-wa the ball came to LEE WAI-TONG who had the ball directly in front of goal and sent in a great shot which beat Cord.

A minute later the F.A. players replied with a smart move on the left wing. Hocquard and Ridley should excellent understanding before Ridley lobbed the ball goalwards. MALPAS then bundled both the ball and Pau Ka-ping into the net to score the equaliser.

Cord Saves Penalty
Two minutes later the referee awarded a penalty kick to the Chinese against Robertson. LEE made a great save, but, in WAITONG took the kick. Cord punching the ball back into play, it went to Lee Wai-tong again who this time netted with a strong shot.

Hocquard, on the left, strove desperately hard to feed Elliott and Malpas, and his effort won a corner, but smart work by Lau Mau resulted in the ball being easily cleared out of the danger zone.

Following the interval the F.A. launched a strong attack and one or two skirmishes around the Chinese goal looked dangerous, but the ball was eventually cleared.

Ridley Loses Chance
Hocquard then passed to Malpas, who in turn sent it to Ridley. He had a clear way to score, but he lost the ball in his stride and Pau Ka-ping successfully intercepted.

Fifteen minutes from the re-start Chinese scored their third goal, which was perhaps the best of the afternoon.

An up-field movement resulted in the ball going to TSAO KWAI-SHING on the right wing and he unexpectedly flashed in a first-time shot. Cord saw it and made a great attempt to save, in fact he did actually get his fingers to it.

The F. A. decreased the arrears some ten minutes later when MALPAS scored.

The F.A. team now launched persistent attacks in an effort to score the equaliser, and it was not long before Hocquard took a flag kick to give MALPAS an opportunity to beat Pau Ka-ping.

Elliott had hard luck a few moments after when he struck the upright with Pau Ka-ping beaten.

Just before the final whistle the Chinese opened up an attack on the left wing and Cord was kept busy making some fine saves. The Chinese, however, succeeded in securing the winning goal through a direct fast shot from LEE WAI-TONG.

In the previous encounter the F.A. team won, so that the teams will now have to meet again at a later date to decide who shall be the winners of the trophy for this season.

Hong Kong F.A.—Cord; Mullane, A. V. Gosano; L. G. Robertson, Podmore, Elms; Matthias, Elliott, Malpas, Ridley and Hocquard.

Chinese XI—Pau Ka-ping; Li Tinsang, Lau Mau, Te Cho-yui, Leung Wing-chiu, Lee Kwok-wai, Tsao Kwai-shing, Fung King-cheong, Lee Wai-tong, Ip Pak-wa and Tam Kong-pak.

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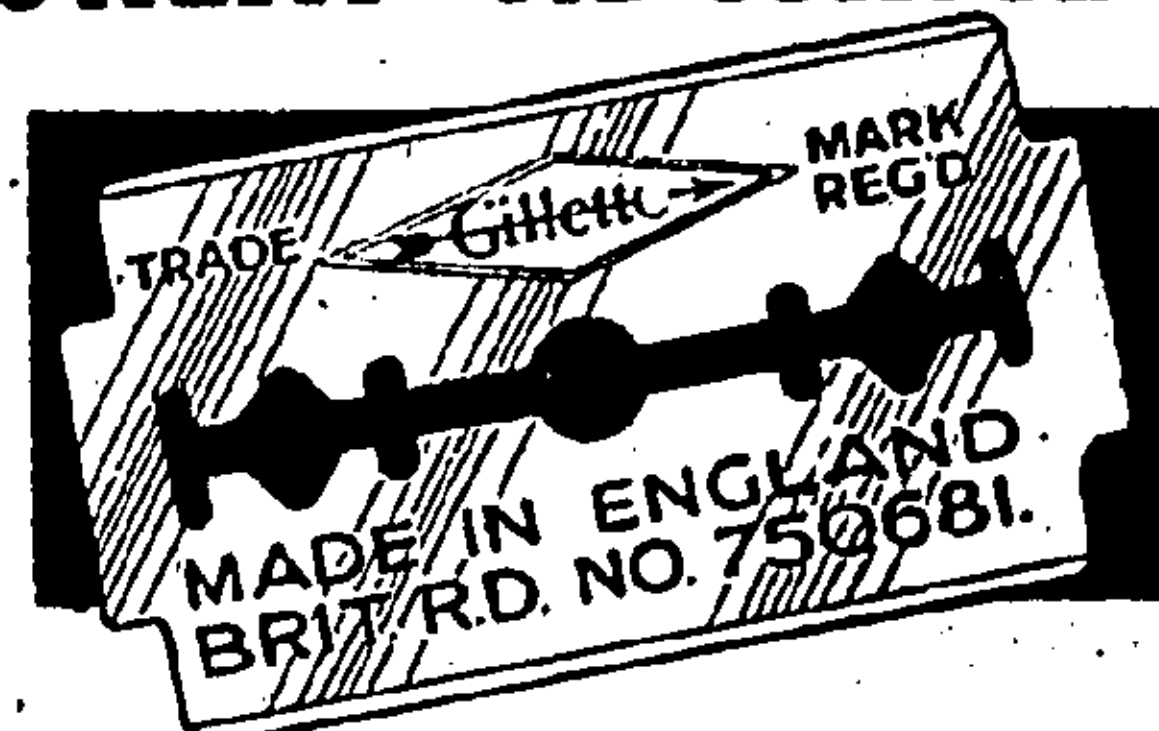
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France's Insistence On Security.

Disarmament negotiations and happenings of the last few weeks are providing the British Cabinet with abundant material for close and anxious consideration. The French Government's reply to the British Disarmament Memorandum and the German Government's reply to France resemble the closing speeches at a long-drawn-out trial previous to the summing-up. In this case, they not merely reply to one another, but France raises once again what is to her the crucial question of Security and Sanctions. In effect, it is understood, she asks whether in the event of any infraction of the terms of a Disarmament Convention Britain should be ready to act automatically and universally. If that is to be the final question on which the fate of the Disarmament Conference is to depend, the outlook must be regarded as sombre indeed, for Great Britain's position on this head is thoroughly well known. Nor, apart from that, is the outlook brightened by the general tenor of a Note which returns in effect a direct Non Possumus, hardly to be distinguished from a Non Volumus, to the British revised plan. Not even the friendly language in which the Note is couched can disguise the unhappy trust that France still finds in the British proposals only a scheme which, while legalising German rearmament, would limit French armaments without guaranteeing French security. For the latter she requires "a European organisation" to prevent infractions of a Disarmament Convention and to suppress all aggression, with an authority which can only reside in the League of Nations. That throws the whole question back on to first principles, whereas the supreme object of the British Government was to get down to definite, concrete proposals of a regulated rearmament of Germany, accompanied by a regulated

ed disarmament of the highly armed Powers. We cannot detect any sign from the semi-official resume of the Note that France is any more ready to come to terms with Germany than she was any time last year. In the two Notes the points of contact are not emphasised like the points of difference, and though encouraging admissions may be noted, the impression is left of refractory elements which refuse to be brought into any sort of harmonious composition. After two years this is extremely disappointing, and though the German Note is particularly conciliatory, the conclusion can hardly be resisted that the tentative pattern on the loom has been unravelled, and that the work, if it is to be done at all, must be done over again. In this connection Signor Mussolini's remarkable oration to his Fascists a fortnight ago at Rome assumes a special significance. Much of the bravura must be allowed to the occasion, especially as it coincided with the successful conclusion of the new Pact with Austria and Hungary. Even if the Disarmament Conference were to end in the total failure which he seems already to take for granted, we believe that the friends of the League of Nations will be ready to do more than accept a Latin epitaph. Signor Mussolini laid down the principles of Italian policy with uncommon frankness and precision. He said, in particular, that Austria could count on Italy for help in defending her independence as a Sovereign State, and that "expansion in Africa" was the task which he assigned to future generations of Italians. Whether the independence of Austria as "a buffer State" between Italy and Germany is to be maintained by more, if need be, than diplomatic weapons was, of course, left indeterminate. As for the "African expansion," he disclaimed "territorial conquest," but warned "the Powers in possession not to block the spiritual, political, and economic expansion of Fascist Italy." We would not describe these words as provocative or aggressive. But they are assuredly disturbing, because, either now or later, it is almost certain that they will call forth an answering, and perhaps a challenging, response.

HERE, THERE, and EVERYWHERE

Detecting Picture Fakes

The new laboratory for the study of pictures at the Courtauld Institute, London, made possible by the £50,000 bequest of the late Norman Wilkinson, will have three main lines of research: the chemical investigation of pigments, media and varnishes; the best methods of cleaning, repairing damaged pictures; and the conservation of existing masterpieces. The pioneer of scientific art research was Sir Humphry Davy. More than 100 years ago he analysed the paint on the frescoes at Pompeii. Scientific analysis is of great value in determining whether a picture is genuine or a fake. The chemical analysis of tiny fragments of paint is the surest of all methods of identifying a fake. Certain pigments are known to have been discovered at definite dates: blue and green bice in the middle of the seventeenth century, Prussian blue early in the eighteenth and chrome and cadmium yellows in the nineteenth. If these colours are found on a canvas the earliest date at which it can have been painted is established.

How To Be A Hermit

The furniture and decorations of a Fifth Avenue flat were sold in New York recently. It was a very nice flat. It had 24 bathrooms, 18 servants' rooms, a Roman swimming pool, three black and white marble kitchens, and 26 extension telephones. The staircase cost £50,000, but there were also four private lifts: a pleasant gesture. The owner was the late Mr. John Markle, the multi-millionaire coal operator. Seized by a desire "to live far from the madding crowd," he installed himself in this secluded retreat on Fifth Avenue at the age of 70.

Jewels From Russia

The jewelled objects d'art, the execution of the great Russian craftsman, Karl Faberge, which were sold at Christie's recently are probably the last of their kind to be made anywhere in the world. The present collection is part of a treasure that was sent to an exhibition in Eastern Siberia at the time of the revolution. The train in which it was being returned to Moscow was captured first by Reds and later by Whites. The Reds overlooked the treasure, and the Whites discovered it and carried it to safety. They facilitated their retreat by judicious gifts from the jewels on the way.

Your Daily Smile.

Helping Hand Department.
A travel writer says that the prettiest and friendliest girls in the world live in Iceland.
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COURT NEWS

Pimlico urchin, passing Buckingham Palace: "Muvver, ain't the King an' Queen comin' out?"
"No," said mother.
"Why not?"
"Cos I says so."

Another Lie About Scotland
"Silver collection," said the notices.
"De ye tak' papers?" asked the Aberdeenian.
"Oh, certainly," he was told.
"So he put in a piece of silver paper."

THESE MODERN LOVERS

The lover calls it "wheedling"; then husband calls it "nagging"—and then, the lovers step in and diagnose it as "mental cruelty."

Consistent

The midlist motorist who stripped his gears.

CITY CAMEOS

"Well, did you have any luck when you spoke to your wife about economy?"
"Sure! I've got to give up smoking and drinking."

SOLEMN THOUGHT

All yes-men are no men.

NAZI MOVEMENT IN AUSTRIA

HITLER'S HOME OVERLOOKS CONQUERED PROVINCE

ACTIVITIES UNCHECKED BY PERSECUTION

(By Pembroke Stephens.)

When Dr. Dollfuss returned to Vienna to make his complaint to the League, the Nazi chiefs and storm-troopers were gathered on the Austrian frontier.

But the occasion of their gathering was an entirely harmless one. Their ski-ing championship were being held on the slopes round Berchtesgaden, where Hitler himself lives.

Hitler is obsessed by Austria. The first words of his autobiography explain his policy: "I consider it a happy dispensation of Providence that fate should have given me Braunau on the Inn, of all places, as a birthplace. For this tiny town lies near the Danube, between those two German States the reunion of which, at least to us younger men, appears as a life duty to be carried through with every means in our power. German Austria must come back to the great German motherland. Even if this reunion were injurious from an economic point of view it would have to be. The same blood must be gathered together within one land."

Fired by the confidence of their leader the Austrian Nazis redoubled their activity last winter. Drive from Berchtesgaden to Salzburg by night and you will see fiery crosses gleaming in the darkness. From a score of mountains round Salzburg a flaming Hakenkreutz shines out in the snow, fill the carved crevices with wood, grass and inflammables, and set the crosses on fire. The Austrian police are tired of climbing up steep mountain sides at night. They let the crosses burn, flaring a defiant message.

Since the Austrian Nazi party was disbanded by order of Dr. Dollfuss, 30,000 members have been imprisoned, 10,000 members have fled over the border, and 150,000 new members have been secretly enrolled, in spite of the threat that discovery means a concentration camp.

The Austrian refugees in Germany are sent to voluntary labour camps and the best are given political instruction so that they can act as leaders should a change of front in Austria lead to their recall.

A "Conquered Province"

An Austro-German attempt to come to terms at a meeting of officials in Berlin failed. Hitler's spokesmen promised to abolish the 1,000 mark visa for German tourists visiting Austria if some of the restrictions at present hampering Nazi followers in Austria were abolished, and permission was given to German tourists to fly their little Hitler flags on their cars. This was refused by the Austrians and the friendly feeling was worsened by a Christmas broadside from Austrian bishops against the Nazi regime.

One hundred swastika flags are hoisted on public buildings in Austria by intrepid Nazis every day. Rafts cut in the form of swastikas are covered with tar and launched down the Danube at night. Nazis in canoes fire them when night falls. In Vienna bones are wrapped up in paper parcels containing thousands of tiny swastikas, and dogs worry the packets, scattering the sign of the Teuton cross all over the pavements and roads. At night swastikas are painted on the streets.

Propaganda and persecution have made the border-folk Nazi. Salzburg is Nazi now, and Hitler from his mountain chalet near Berchtesgaden looks down on a conquered province, not a promised land. For he has revived the old-fashioned monarchic custom of a separate seat in town and country, spending summer months and winter weeks at Haus Wachenfeld, by Berchtesgaden, a wild and inaccessible village on the border between Austria and Germany.

The house is a wooden Alpine villa, is furnished in peasant style. The main colour scheme is a restful green. The living rooms are littered with masses of cushions and ornaments, all of them presents from unknown admirers and friends. The hall is filled with cactus plants, and there is little to distinguish

the villa of the German Chancellor from thousands of German homes except that Hitler's taste is both simpler and better than that of his average subject.

A portrait of Hitler's mother hangs near his bed with a poem on Motherhood beneath it, and a tiny coin-shaped picture nearby, inscribed with the Lord's Prayer. Volumes of Carl May, the children's author, fill the bookcase.

A jewelled hunting horn sent as a present by some Siegfried tenor in a moment of patriotism after hearing a Hitler speech, and a magnificent silver-box fur rug, sent by a well-wisher from the Argentine, are the only objects of real value in the room.

Behind the villa stands a dark army of pines. The tracks of deer and hares cross the ski marks on the slopes. The sound of sleigh-drivers' bell and the cries of red-faced children dragging toboggans mingle with the beat of hammers where workmen are building a house for General Goering so that he can be near his beloved chief.

Hitler's Rise To Power

For ten years Hitler and the other Nazi leaders have plotted and planned in the Bavarian mountains. Year after year the leaders met in the red-panelled parlour of the Platterhof (now St. Moritz Hotel), an inn famous as the scene of the great religious novel "Zwei Menschen," by Rudolph Voss.

The conspirators met at night, fearful of persecution and arrest. It was here that Hitler's followers hid in the cellar after the failure of the Munich putsch. Soon after his release Hitler bought Haus Wachenfeld and the meetings at the Platterhof ceased.

Now Nazi chiefs can go up from Munich for the week-end when any crisis demands an informal conference. So that while the foreign ministers of constitutional countries hurry round, and Sir John Simon finds that all roads lead to Rome, Hitler, the cause of all the trouble, can be in mountain home indifferent to care and worry.

Young Hitler wanted to be an architect, and the improvements and additions he has made at the villa are the only examples of architecture fate has allowed him to show. The guards' and visitors' rooms, the new verandah and garage fit into the original frame of the simple wooden house admirably.

The view from Haus Wachenfeld is open and immense, closed by towering white mountain peaks, stained by dark forests. In the valley, at a bare distance of ten miles, shines the old fortress of Salzburg, and at night the lights of the city beckon in the frosty air. Just out of sight around the corner is Braunau. There Austria lies.

Hundreds of Germans write every week to Frau Raubal, Hitler's sister and caretaker, expressing their anxiety at the isolated position of Haus Wachenfeld and the easiness of attack. "I have the feeling," says Hitler, "that even if an attack were to be made on me it would not succeed. I know that I shall live to accomplish my destiny in peace."

CUT TO PIECES BY PROPELLER.

Sharks Meet Death In Ship's Wake.

Cape Town.
Two big man-eating sharks were killed in Table Bay.

When the Swedish motorship Hammaren was coming into the dock, a shark was sucked in by her propeller and cut to pieces. A driver had to go down later to cut away the body which was impaled on one of the propeller blades.

Later a pilot tug found the other shark feeding on the head of its companion. The head had been cut clean off and was floating on the surface, and the tug rammed the second shark and it sank and was not seen again. The head of the one shark was hauled on board and the teeth were removed by the crew.

\$243,000 CLAIM BY BANK

Amendment Sought By Defence.

OPIUM SHIPMENT IN 1930

The application for amendment of the defence, in the claim by the Bank of Taiwan and Messrs. H. S. M. R. Kuzerouni and Sons on Messrs. Rickmers Rhederai, A.G., for £17,000 or the equivalent, assessed at \$243,000, was opened before the Chief Justice, the Hon. Mr. A. D. A. McGregor and Mr. Justice P. Jacks, and a full Court this morning.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C., C.B.E., and Mr. Leo D'Almada appeared for the defendants and appellants, and Mr. E. Potter and Mr. H. C. Macnamara were for the plaintiffs and respondents.

Mr. Jenkin, opening his case, said that certain clauses in the defence had been disallowed by Mr. J. R. Wood, former Chief Justice, on February 1. The case, he said, concerned the shipment of 100 cases of opium by the plaintiffs from Bushire in Persia to Dalren, and in the Bill of Lading were clauses permitting the shippers to trans-ship the cargo where they pleased. The opium was trans-shiped to the s.s. Claus Richmer, owned by the defendants, in Hong Kong, and on its arrival in Shanghai the cargo seized by the Chinese Maritime Customs on November 20, 1930.

In July 1931 the opium was still in the hands of the Customs, and the defendants were informed that the Government had decided to confiscate it.

The claim is based on breach of contract, in that the goods were not delivered in Dalren, and in tort in that the defendants were negligent as to cause a breach of the Customs regulations, resulting in the seizure of the cargo.

Withdrawal Of Clause. Application was made to Mr. Wood for leave to withdraw three clauses in the defence.

Firstly, that in pleading they had admitted that Messrs. McKinnon and McKenzie had shipped the opium as agents for the plaintiffs.

Secondly, whether they may withdraw from their statement of defence the admission that there were "regulations" in the Bill of Lading.

Thirdly, that the original statement of defence may be amended to include a clause in the Bill of Lading with regard to confiscation of restraint of cargo by a Ruler, and that the defendants are not required to give full particulars of the reason for seizure.

Mr. Jenkin said that Mr. Wood had insisted that defendants must assign a reason for the confiscation of the goods, other than defendants' own negligence, which was denied. The Maritime Customs had, in correspondence, refused to give any reason for confiscating the cargo, and Mr. Jenkin quoted authorities to support his argument that where any particulars, such as these were unobtainable they shall not be called for.

The case is proceeding.

HINKLER MEMORIAL SUBSIDY

Queensland Government To Grant £500.

TRIBUTE TO AIRMAN

Brisbane, Queensland. The Government has decided to subsidise the Hinkler Memorial in Bundaberg, Queensland, to the extent of £500.

When making this announcement, the Premier, Mr. W. F. Smith, remarked that a committee had been set up in Bundaberg to raise funds for the building of an adequate memorial in that city to his illustrious son, Bert, Hinkler. The Mayor of Bundaberg (Alderman McLean) had called upon him to discuss the question of assistance.

Mr. Smith said that the Cabinet had considered the matter and agreed to the proposal that the funds raised by the committee should be increased on a £ for £ basis, but the Government's commitment was not to exceed £500. — Reuter.

Philippine Queen



Miss Clarita Tan Kiang, of Manila, who was chosen as the reigning "Queen of Beauty" of the Philippine Islands to preside over the carnival at Manila. The carnival is the gayest event in the territory and natives flock from surrounding islands to take part.

MUI TSAI STEALS WALLET.

Remanded For Two Days.

Ng Tso-yu, a 19-year-old man, and Kwan Sam, a woman, were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning, for stealing a wallet, containing \$358.20 from Li Loi-yu at No. 15 Hing On Road last Saturday, and for receiving respectively.

Kwan Sam was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, while Ng Tso-yu was remanded for 48 hours, pending the recommendation of the Secretary of Chinese Affairs.

DYNAMITE HAUL AT ABERDEEN.

235 Sticks And 401 Detonators.

Arrested on board a junk, No. 1779 H. A., in Aberdeen Bay, last Saturday, in possession of 235 sticks of dynamite and 401 detonators, Lai Yuk-shing, master of the fishing junk, was fined \$150, in default three months' hard labour, on first charge and \$50, in default one month's hard labour, on the second charge, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning.

Inspector Armit, prosecuting, said that dynamite had been reported as stolen from several companies, but as the sticks were not found in their original containers, the Police were unable to trace ownership.

BUS DRIVERS MUST BE MARRIED.

Istanbul Municipality's New Decree.

SEQUEL TO ACCIDENT WAVE

Istanbul. The Istanbul Municipality has decided that all motor-bus drivers in the city must be married, teetotalers, and they must not take drugs or play cards.

Regulations to that end are being framed in consequence of an alarming series of bus accidents in recent weeks.

Presumably the Municipality believes that bachelors are more likely to be reckless than men with wives and families.

Measures are also being taken to reduce bus drivers' working hours, which at present number 12 or 15 a day. — Reuter.

JAPANESE STEALS WATER CLOSET SWITCHES

Pleading guilty to the theft of three automatic water closet switches, the property of Lam Wah-ches, of 18 Lung Fat Street, Shing-tai, a Japanese subject, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning.

LION AND LIONESS FIGHT TO DEATH

Hazardous Experience For Clyde Beatty.

20-MINUTE BATTLE IN CAGE

Cleveland, Ohio. Clyde Beatty, the famous animal trainer, has had a harrasing experience.

Sammie, one of his prized male lions weighing 400 lbs. leaped from a perch inside the performing cage at a public hall here and attacked a young lioness while Mr. Beatty was inside the cage.

"Outside!" yelled attendants to Beatty. "Outside! they'll kill you."

Ranged around the trainer were half a dozen other beasts waiting for the crack of his whip to send them through their cages.

One eye on them, the other on the two lions locked in a death grip, Beatty plied his whip. The fighters refused to respond. Streams of water from three fire hoses also failed to separate the snarling animals.

For 20 minutes Beatty fought to part them and at length he seized Sammie by the neck and clubbed him with an iron pipe. The lion's jaws parted, but the lioness was dead.

"She was a beautiful specimen," Beatty said. "We paid \$100 for her. It was lucky the other animals didn't try to mix in." — Reuter.

RARE VOLUMES FOR UNIVERSITY

From Private Library Of Late Tsar.

ACQUIRED BY AMERICA

Philadelphia.

Rare volumes from the private library of the late Tsar of Russia, and valuable ethnographical material from Central Russia, Thibet and Siberia, have been received by the University of Pennsylvania Museum.

They will be added to the permanent Russian collections of the museum, having been acquired through arrangements with leading Soviet museums for the exchange of books, ethnographical and archaeological objects and scientific data.

The announcement says the majority of the 125 books received bear the private bookplate of a Russian Tsar, are devoted to archaeological subjects and are beautifully bound.

The first of them is "The Byzantine Enamels of A. V. Zvenigorodsky" 200 copies of which were printed in 1896 at a cost of approximately \$40,000. Despite the cost, none of the copies was ever placed on sale and that acquired by the University of Pennsylvania bears the number "1" and the inscription "The Copy Of His Majesty the Emperor."

Written by Professor N. P. Kondakov and dedicated to Emperor Alexander III. The book was so favourably received that the Patriarch of Jerusalem sent Zvenigorodsky a gold cross. Scientific societies and universities honoured him and he received decorations from Pope Leo XIII. and from 37 foreign rulers.

Another book, 36 by 26 inches, published specially for Emperor Alexander II. is devoted to a description of the ceremonies of his coronation in 1856. — Reuter.

GEN. CRAIG MAY BE PROMOTED.

Chief of Staff Of U.S. Army.

San Francisco. An unconfirmed rumour abroad here to-day said that Major General Malin Craig, commandant of the Ninth Corps Area since Nov. 21, 1930, is elected to succeed Major General Douglas MacArthur as chief of staff of the United States Army.

General MacArthur has been chief of staff the same length of time that General Craig has been commandant of the Ninth Corps Area.

Both men are well known in the Far East.

To-day's Short Story.

My Adventure At Soissons

By Alexandre Dumas.

PARIS was in the hands of the revolutionaries, but the victory we had won in those three days of street-fighting at the end of July, 1830, seemed to be in peril. For at the Hotel de Ville I heard General La Fayette, the leader of the revolutionaries, lament that there was an acute shortage of powder. If the Royalist troops were to advance on Paris, we should be able to defend ourselves against them.

"Let me fetch powder, general," I said. "Soissons is a garrison town and must have plenty to spare."

"But it is a Royalist centre!" General La Fayette exclaimed. "You must be mad!"

"Oh, no, I am sane enough," I replied. "I'll even swear to it. At any rate, give me a pass so that I can see General Gerard."

I went to the table and scribbled the line, "Permit M. Alexandre Dumas to see General Gerard." La Fayette signed the order, and since I still had the pen in my hand, I added the words, "To whom we recommend the project he has just made." That order gave me access to General Gerard, who was responsible for the military supplies, but he did not take to my suggestion with enthusiasm.

"And General La Fayette has actually recommended that proposition!" General Gerard ejaculated, when I had explained my intention of fetching powder from Soissons.

"Read for yourself," I replied, "the sentence is plain enough. All I ask, general, is an order calling upon the military authorities to surrender the powder."

"But the plan is impossible," said Gerard. "The chances are twenty to one that you will be shot. Besides, I cannot compromise myself by signing any such order."

THEATRE WORLD'S BIG LOSS

Famous Play Producers' Assistant Dead.

MR. WILLIAM C. CUBITT

New York.

Mr. William C. Cubitt, private Secretary to some of the most famous actors and producers on Broadway for more than half a century, has died here.

Although Mr. Cubitt, who was 79 years old, has been associated with such varied personalities as David Belasco, Daniel and Charles Frohman, Richard Mansfield, William Gillette, James K. Hackett and Franklin H. Sargeant, he played the role of the perfect Secretary and remained so much in the background that little was known of him outside theatrical circles.

Born in Sheffield, England, he came to the United States in 1869 and a few years later went to San Francisco, where he became Secretary to Gus Frohman, the producer. The typewriter was then just beginning to come into use, and Mr. Cubitt was said to have been the first Secretary in the theatrical business to use one of the new machines.

In 1882 he came to New York with Gus and Daniel Frohman, who were planning to produce a number of plays in the Old Madison Square Theatre.

He stayed with the Frohmans for a number of years then leaving to become Secretary to Franklin G. Sargeant, director of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts.

Sixteen years ago he became David Belasco's secretary and he remained with him until Belasco's death in 1931. — Reuter.

MR. W. B. WALKER'S DEATH

(Continued from Page 1.)

In January this year, on the formation of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, he was appointed president of the concern, with headquarters in New York.

During his 25 years in the Colony, Mr. Walker was closely associated with many activities, and was a member of the following committees of the Hong Kong Club:

sides, I cannot compromise myself by signing any such order."

"Yet I am prepared to compromise myself by carrying it out," I answered. "Let me draft an order."

I wrote quickly, and presented him with a sheet on which I had jotted down these words: "The military authorities of Soissons are requested to surrender all the powder in the magazine or in the town to M. Alexandre Dumas."

I had expected General Gerard to copy the order in his own handwriting, but it was perhaps lucky that he merely signed by draft. For then I was able to write below his name, "Minister of War." I hurried back to General La Fayette, and obtained from him a proclamation addressed to the citizens of Soissons.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Trifles," by Hjalmar Bergman.

I had now all the documents I required for my expedition, but I felt that it would be convenient to have a travelling companion—if only for the purpose of securing decent burial for me in case of the disaster which Generals La Fayette and Gerard anticipated. As I came down the steps of the Hotel de Ville, I espied a young painter named Bard.

"Ah, Bard, old fellow," I said, "come along with me."

"Where to?"

"To Soissons," I replied. "For the purpose of getting shot."

"I should love it," Bard said. I asked him to fetch my double-barrelled pistols from my flat, and to meet me at Le Bourget, and the worthy fellow did as he was told. I had been born not far from Soissons, and I knew that the gates of the town closed at eleven. As it was three before I left Paris, and the distance was twenty-four leagues, there was no time to lose.

We changed horses every few leagues and covered half the journey in slightly over four hours. But at Nanteuil they gave us an old postilion who regarded his horses as more important than the service of the Revolution. Since argument was lost upon him, I made him descend, drew his boots on my own legs, and, jumping up on the saddle-horse, went off at full gallop.

We created a sensation when we reached Villers-Cotterets. It is my native town and friends implored me not to go to Soissons, stronghold of Royalism. I explained, however, that not only would I drive on to Soissons, but that I meant to reach it before eleven.

"You won't manage it," said a voice. "But I can get you in."

The speaker was a friend of mine, Huttin, who lived in Soissons and who, knowing the gate-keeper, could go in and out when he liked. Since there was no need for hurry in those circumstances, I thought that we might as well have supper. Cartier, the hotel-keeper, turned out a meal worthy of the occasion and twenty of us sat down to it justly.

The opinion was that my expedition was doomed to failure. General La Fayette had said the chances were twenty to one against me; my Villers-Cotterets friends, with local knowledge, put the odds at a hundred to one and expressed the opinion that Bard and I would be shot before twenty-four hours had gone.

"Cartier," I said to the hotel-keeper, "I order a dinner for twenty at the same time to-morrow evening, on condition that it is eaten whether we survive or not. Here's the payment in advance."

"Keep your money," replied Cartier. "Pay for it to-morrow if you are alive. If not, I'll supply it free of charge in memory of you!"

We set off from Villers-Cotterets at eleven o'clock, and two hours later we were at Soissons. The gate-keeper recognised Huttin and let us all pass through. He little knew that he had opened the gates of the town to the Revolution. We went to Huttin's house but we did not go to bed. We had work to do first of all, for I had made up my mind that the white flag of the Royalists, which floated from the top of the cathedral, should be replaced by the tricolour of the Revolution. (Continued on Page 10.)

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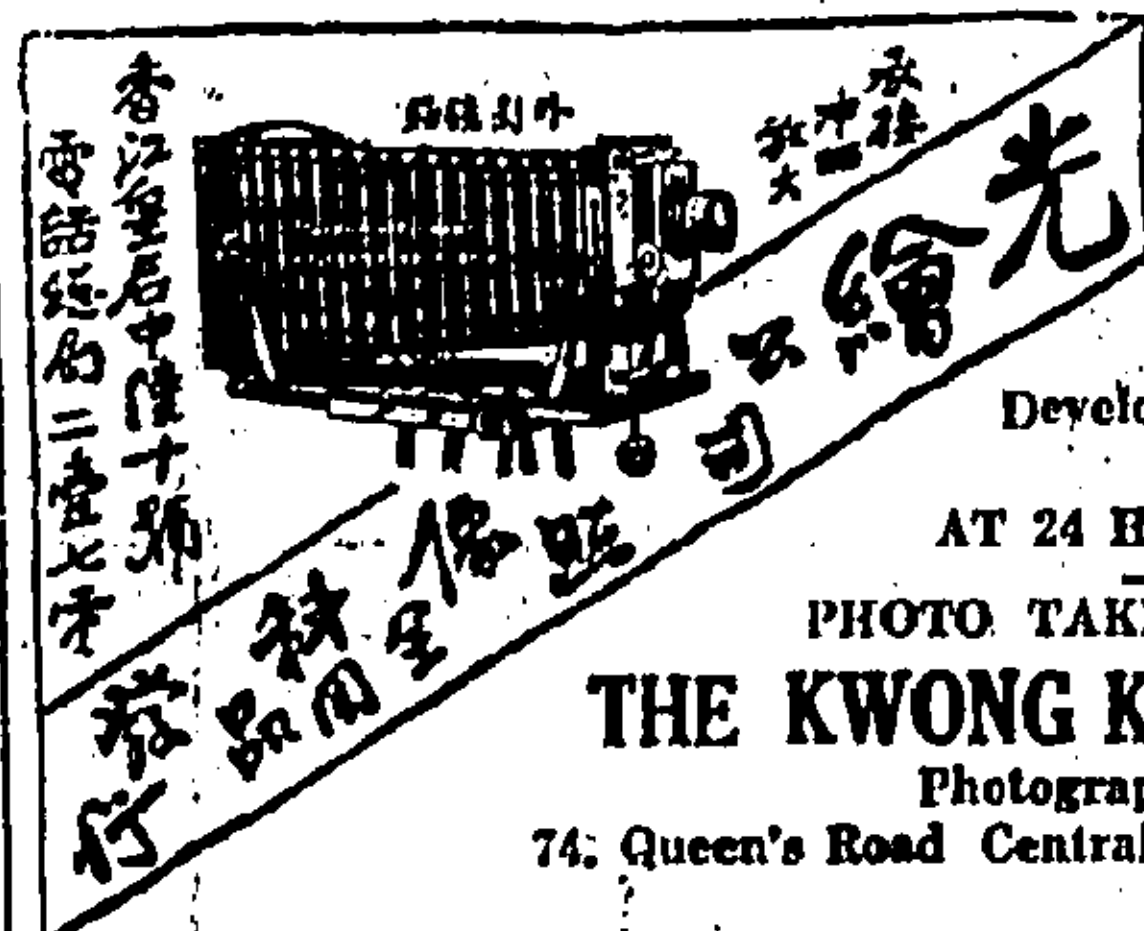


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DECLINE IN MALES

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Although more boys than girls are born in the Union, the natural increase in the population from the excess of births over deaths is greatly in favour of the girls. The masculinity of the population, therefore, is steadily declining.

This is due principally to the more hazardous occupations followed by males, as well as to the fact that male infants are less tenacious of life than female infants.

These facts are revealed in the report on the Vital Statistics of the Union for the year 1931, just published in the form of a Blue Book.

The total European population of the Union in 1931 was 1,829,300, as compared with 1,280,381 in 1911.

The European births registered in 1931 numbered 46,423, corresponding to a birth rate of 25.38 per thousand of the estimated population of the Union.

The number of births represents a decrease of 1.111, or 2.35 per cent. below the figure for 1930 and a decrease in the birth rate of 1.05 per thousand. The rate for 1931 is 7.14 per thousand lower than that for 1910, when it was 32.52 per thousand population.

Compared with 1930, the urban birthrate decreased from 24.64 to 23.25, and the rural rate from 29.15 to 28.69 per thousand.

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M. Cloquet went on to describe the products of the Province of Katanga, in which Elizabethville is situated. All kinds of palm and nut oils, groundnuts, and rubber were exported, while there was an almost inexhaustible supply of all kinds of tropical timber. — Reuter.



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My Adventure At Soissons

(Continued from Page 9.)

Hutin's mother gave us the red curtains from the dining-room, the blue one from the drawing-room, and a white sheet completed the red, white and blue of the national flag. As for the flag-staff—the existing one would do perfectly well for the tricolour. Flag-staffs do not proclaim their opinions.

Our plans were soon made. Bard and Hutin were to substitute the tricolour for the Royalist flag, and I was to seize the powder magazine. Bard was to relieve me at the magazine while I went to the commandant of the town, M. de Linieres, to seek authority for carrying the powder back to Paris. It was quite simple to decide how we should like to obtain the powder.

I stationed myself at the powder magazine, and as soon as I saw the Royalist flag come down and the tricolour go up in its place, I climbed the wall, holding my rifle ready for action. The magazine was guarded by three old soldiers of unquestionable courage, but I hoped that they would not be unfavourably disposed towards the Revolution. They were gazing in surprise at the tricolour floating over the cathedral when I jumped down and presented my gun.

"I have come for all the powder in the town," I explained. "Please look at this order from General Gerard."

They stared at me in surprise but one of them read the order and was satisfied of its authenticity. Still covering them with my rifle, I asked them to give me their word of honour to go into their house and not stir without my permission. The promise was given and the three soldiers retired into their

house. At that moment Bard arrived and I handed over the command of the powder magazine to him. But before I left I arranged a little four-inch gun so that it was pointed at the main entrance.

"Smoke and keep on smoking," I told Bard. "So that if anyone breaks down the door you can pass a lighted cigarette across the priming." Bard raised no objection to a plan which gave him an excuse to smoke cigarette after cigarette, and I was on the point of setting out for the office of the commandant of the town when something occurred to me. I had given Bard my double-barrelled pistols, but he now had a cannon all to himself. A rifle, a cannon and pistols were excessive, so I took charge of the pistols myself.

It was not difficult to find the office of M. de Linieres, and the sentry at the door paid no attention to me when I passed through. M. de Linieres was engaged in interrogating an officer regarding the substitution of the Royalist flag by the tricolour.

"Pardon me, M. le Vicomte," I interrupted, "but if you want the full details, no one can give them better than myself."

"Who are you, monsieur?" the commandant cried in amazement.

There was some excuse for him. I had been fighting or travelling for the last four days and my clothes were torn and dirty. I lost no time in explaining my identity and the reason why I had made this descent upon Soissons. Then I produced the order given me by General Gerard. But it did not make M. de Linieres any more favourably disposed towards me. He was an ultra-Royalist. Paris might be in the hands of the Revolutionaries, he had said, but Soissons would remain faithful to the king. Rather than allow the town to be captured by the Republicans, he would destroy it and bury himself beneath its ruins.

"You must know, monsieur, that I do not recognise the authority of the Revolution," he said, handing me back the order. "Further, there is nothing to show that your pass is genuine—the document is not properly drawn up nor is it sealed."

"I give you my word of honour that the signature is really that of General Gerard."

"Oh, I don't doubt you for a moment," the commandant returned with a half ironical smile. "But further discussion is useless, for the magazine in this town does not contain two hundred cartridges."

The smile irritated me. "Since you don't know exactly, monsieur," I said, "I shall find out from the three soldiers who are my prisoners on parole."

"Your prisoners!" he ejaculated. "Exactly, M. le Vicomte," I said politely. "And when I have the information, I shall come back and pass it on to you!"

I went to the magazine and called out to Bard to ascertain the quantity of powder in the magazine. (Continued on Page 11)

MOSCOW MOBILISES WORKERS

Big Effort To Finish Tube Project.

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During the digging operations many relics of Moscow's past are uncovered. Among other things workers have come across an underground torture chamber where the Tsar Ivan the Terrible used to gloat over the persecution of his enemies among the Russian nobility in the middle of the 16th century.

Other things discovered are remains of old walls and moats which protected Moscow from Tartar raids, a blacksmith's shop with tools, clay pots, axes, and old vaults with clothing still clinging to the bones within. — Reuter.

THIEVES STEAL A CROSS.

\$75,000 Case Left Behind.

LACK OF MOTIVE Baffles POLICE

Madrid.
A 600-year-old religious relic known as the Cross of Caravaca, for many years an object of veneration by pilgrims, has been stolen from a castle near Madrid.

The police are puzzled to find a motive for the crime, since the thieves left behind the silver case in which the cross was kept—and the case, studded with diamonds, is estimated to be worth about \$75,000.

The cross itself is intrinsically of little value.

It is reputed to have belonged once to the Knights Templars. A Moorish king captured it from them, but afterwards gave it back on being converted to Christianity. — Reuter.

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BRITISHER ROBBED IN FRANCE

Succoured By Generous Villagers.

COLLECTION FOR ASSISTANCE

Paris. The generosity of French villagers has rescued a 23-year-old Englishman Mr. Evan Lippey of Canterbury from an awkward predicament after he had been attacked and robbed outside the village of Besines, situated on the main road from Paris to Bordeaux.

Mr. Lippey has been making a bicycle tour of France and Spain in the interval between leaving home and taking up a post in an electrical work in Cairo.

A man from whom Mr. Lippey asked the way outside Besines replied by setting upon him and robbing him of his pocketbook with 550 francs (£7).

The unconscious Englishman was later found by motorists who took him into the village.

Realising the difficulty of his situation the villagers made a collection to help him on his way and the municipality advanced him a certain sum and paid for his hotel bill for two days until he was sufficiently recovered to proceed.

Mr. Lippey has now left to see the British Consul at Bordeaux.

"We are happy to have done what we could," one of the village officials told *Reuter*.—*Reuter*.

FORTUNE FOLLOWS SUICIDE ATTEMPT.

Poverty-Stricken Barber Wins £4,000.

Lisbon. Because he was hard up and lonely a Lisbon barber flung himself into the River Tagus.

He was rescued by sailors from a gunboat anchored nearby. For two days he lay in hospital unconscious.

When he recovered he bought a ticket in a lottery, with his last few shillings sharing half of it with his neighbours.

The ticket won £4,000. Barbers here recently won big prizes in French and Spanish Lotteries also.—*Reuter*.

My Adventure At Soissons

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The reply was that the contents consisted of two hundred pounds, and with this information I returned to the commandant. As before, the sentry let me pass unquestioned. The commandant had been joined by the lieutenant of police and the Lieutenant-Colonel of the Engineers. The other officer was also present; I don't know who he was.

"I have sent for my colleagues," the commandant said in a jeering tone as I entered. "You can tell them the object of your mission."

"Merely a question of transferring powder from here to Paris," I said.

"And, M. de Vicomte, you are badly informed—the magazine contains two hundred pounds of powder."

"That has nothing to do with it," said the commandant. "The point is that you come to a military town with a garrison of eight hundred men to seize our supplies. Suppose we refuse—have you a force to take it?"

"I mean to take it," I said, "and, once again, I ask for your authorisation."

"And you think, M. Dumas, that you can make me sign such an order? Perhaps you have noticed that there are four of us?"

I had posted myself so that I commanded the door and I had also prepared the double locks of my pistols. I drew them out quickly and pointed the muzzles at the others.

"Messieurs," I said, "unless the order is signed within five seconds, I will blow out your brains. As M. de Vicomte has pointed out, you are four—I have four bullets!"

I was deadly pale, but nevertheless my face showed that I meant to carry out my threat. The pistol in my right hand was only a foot and a half from M. de Linieres, and, holding it pointed steadily, I began to count the seconds. When I reached "three," there was an interruption. A side-door was flung open and the wife of M. de Linieres burst into the room. Her terror was apparent.

"Dearest, give in to him!" she cried. "It is another rising of the blacks!"

"Monsieur," said the commandant, "respect for my wife—"

"Monsieur," I interrupted, no less politely, "I have the greatest respect for Madame, but I have a sister and mother. Have the kindness to send Madame from the room so that we can fight this question between men."

"Dearest, dearest," Madame de Linieres continued to implore, gazing at me with terrified eyes all the while, "do what he asks—I beg you, do what he asks. Remember the massacre of my father and mother by the negroes in St. Domingo!"

When Madame de Linieres had cried that it was "another rising of the blacks," I had not understood what she meant. But now I did understand. She thought that I was a negro, from my fuzzy hair, with my complexion burnt black by three days in the sun, and my slightly Creole method of speech. With the recollection of the murder of her parents by the negroes, she was overcome with fear. The situation was so strained that it could not be prolonged.

"How can I give in to one man?" the commandant asked me in despair. "It is impossible, monsieur."

"Would you like me to sign a document saying that you wrote the order at the point of my pistol?" I said.

"Yes, yes," yelled Madame de Linieres. "Dearest, do give in. I beg you, let him have his order."

"Or perhaps," I went on to the commandant, "you would prefer me to take up two or three friends so that we are four on each side?"

"Yes, monsieur," the commandant replied.

"Very well, M. le Vicomte," I said. "But beware—I am relying upon your word of honour not to move a single step."

The commandant and the other officers gave their word, and I unlocked my pistols.

"It is all over, madame," I said to the commandant's wife; and, turning to the officers, I added, "Messieurs, expect me back in five minutes."

I left the office, but I had no idea where I was to find the supporters to make the numbers equal on both sides. In the street, however, I saw a friend and a friend of his, Moreau, and I signalled to them to come into the courtyard and take up a position outside the window of the commandant's room. Then I returned to face M. de Linieres. The parole had been strictly kept and the officers had not stirred.

"Be good enough to inform M. le Commandant," I said through the window to Hutin and Moreau, "that you will fire immediately if the order to carry away the powder is not signed?"

Hutin and Moreau pointed their guns.

"Enough, monsieur," said the commandant. "I am ready to sign."

In a few moments I had the required authorisation signed by M. de Linieres. It empowered me to take away all the powder in the magazine, and I needed nothing more. I apologised to Madame de Linieres for my unavoidable intrusion and joined my friends outside. It was suggested that I ought to do things in a legal way and that I should seek the assistance of the Mayor. When he saw my authorisation, the Mayor accompanied me to the magazine without question, and nothing could have been more legal than the proceedings when, in the presence of the Mayor, and by virtue of the order signed by the commandant, I called upon the guards to open up the magazine.

It contained less than two hundred pounds of powder. I was getting ready to arrange for its transportation when the Mayor claimed the powder for the defence of the town. That was not unreasonable, but I had not come too far and gone through so much in order to be stopped at the last by the Mayor. I was therefore on the point of replying that I could not admit the claim when one of the soldiers whispered to me that a storehouse in the town contained no less than three thousand pounds.

I told the Mayor that if I found three thousand pounds, he was welcome to the total contents of the powder magazine, and hurried to the keeper of the storehouse. That individual, however, would not give up the key, so it was necessary to leave him locked in his house and rush entrance to the storehouse ourselves. After doing everything we had to break down the door with axes.

We found the three thousand pounds and arranged for a wagon to carry it back to Paris for the use of the Revolutionaries. I was dead tired after the travelling and the excitement and I slept most of the way back to Paris. At nine o'clock next morning, I presented myself to General La Fayette. He had lost his voice and could not speak a word of welcome. But he held out his

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Swakopmund (South-west Africa).

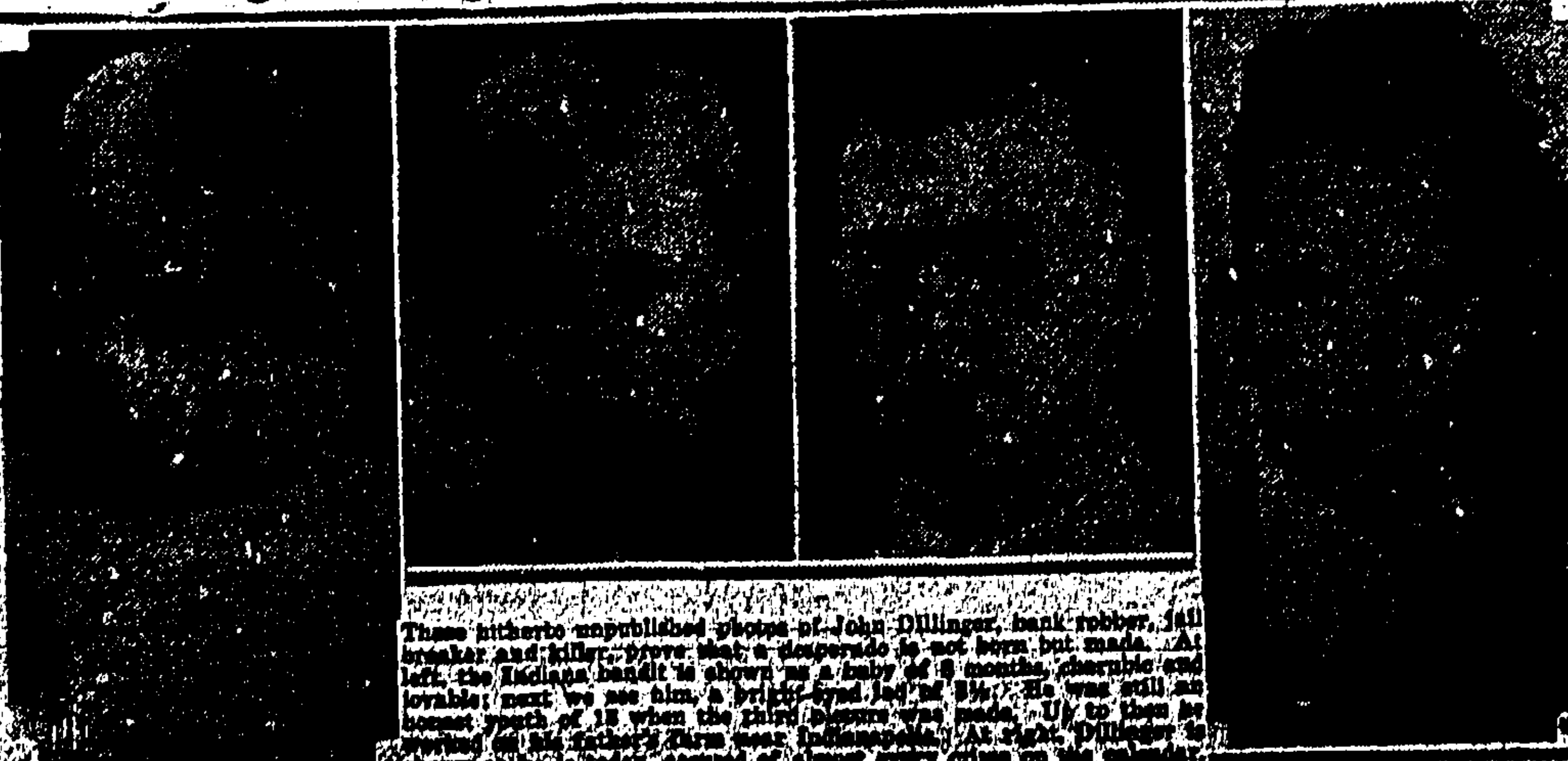
The arid, windswept Husab plateau of the Namib Desert has been the scene of another desert tragedy. Here the gruesome remains of thirst-stricken Europeans have been found.

The Husab, which forms a vast peninsula above the confluence of the rivers Khan and Swakop, is totally uninhabited. It is also quite waterless, except in exceptionally rain seasons, like the present, when pools are formed and the Khan and Swakop are in spate in their canyon-like depths, 500 feet below the surrounding desolation.

Except for lone prospectors or a scientist in quest of strange desert plants, the place is almost taboo, but on the occasion of the discovery of the human remains two motorists, taking a short cut back to Swakop from the uplands, came suddenly across the relics lying among some stunted bushes.

On investigation these two well-known Swakopmund men, Messrs. Baumgart and Dusch, found parts of the bleached skeletons of two human beings, also a fully packed rucksack, two neatly rolled blankets, shorts, shirts, shoes and vest, but no name or papers except for the maker's name, Beyl, in the neck of the undershirt. On the matter being reported to the authorities it was recalled two native herds, on driving cattle across country a short while ago, not far from the Husab, came across a sheet of corrugated iron lying in the desert, under which they found the corpse of a white man.—*Reuter*.

Dillinger's Progress from Babe to "Public Enemy No. 1"



These historic snapshots show John Dillinger, bank robber, still looking and smiling, before that desperado is not born but made. At left, the Indiana bandit is shown as a baby of 8 months, charming and lovable; next we see him a bright-eyed lad of 14. He was still as innocent as a lamb when the police caught him. Up to then he was known as the "Baby Face" Dillinger. At right, Dillinger is shown as a "Public Enemy No. 1" in 1934, armed and dangerous.



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New York. The much-discussed "curse" of Tut-Ankh-Amen is just a senseless myth, in the opinion of Mr. Herbert E. Winlock, director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

The death in Boston, of the well-known Egyptologist, Mr. Albert M. Lythgoe, who was present at the opening of the inner chamber of the tomb of King Tut-Ankh-Amen, has raised the old story of the supposed "curse."

From intimate knowledge of the excavations leading to the discovery of the 3,000 year-old Egyptian King, Mr. Winlock recalled that he knows 40 odd men and women who were connected with the work and who might have come under the curse.

Only six of them are dead, he said, and all from causes which appear natural.

In some Egyptian tomb writings were found which could have been termed curses on those who disturbed the dead, he added, but most of them amounted in severity to "no trespassing" signs.—Reuter.

NEW TEETH AT 75

Dubbo, N.S.W. An Englishman, Mr. J. E. Sanson, of Dubbo, has cut nine teeth at the age of 75.—Reuter.

U.S. AIR COMPANY TO REORGANIZE

United Aircraft To Bid For Mail Contracts.

New York.

United Aircraft has announced its decision to reorganize. The move would enable them to submit a bid for temporary contracts on twenty-one airmail routes, called for by Postmaster-General James Farley last March 30, after the Army had resumed operation of the mail lines under a curtailed schedule.

Mr. Farley specified, in his recent call for bids, that companies holding cancelled contracts were barred from submitting bids unless their officials swore that they at no time had sought to prevent any smaller firm from bidding.

The specifications stated, however, that any company holding a cancelled contract might submit a bid provided officers of the company who were instrumental in securing collusion contracts wherein collusion was charged, were removed from office.

The Army air corps, under the direction of Major General Benjamin D. Foulois, chief of the air corps, took over flying the mails after the administration had charged that there was collusion in obtaining airmail contracts during former President Herbert Hoover's administration.

The P. and O. liner s.s. Corfu left Singapore for Hong Kong on Sunday at noon with outward Home mails, and is due here on Wednesday at about 11 a.m.

ANOTHER MONSTER DIAMOND

212½ Carat Stone Sells For £140.

FIND AT ELANDSFONTEIN

Pretoria (Transvaal).

The Elandsfontein diamond diggings, already renowned through the discovery of the Jonker diamond, have still further consolidated their claim to be the richest alluvial diggings in the world. Another diamond—this one weighing 212½ carats—has now been found.

Thus three enormous stones have been picked up in a comparatively small area in the short space of three weeks—the first being the Pohl diamond, weighing 266½ carats, the second, the famous Jonker diamond, of 726 carats, and now a stone of 212½ carats.

The new diamond is pear-shaped in size, and is 1½ inches long, 1¼ inches wide, and 1 inch thick. It was put up for sale at Bynesspoort, and, although bidding was keen, it was knocked down for only 13s. a carat, or about £140 for the stone, but this was due to the fact that the stone was of poor quality.—Reuter.

21,000 NEW GIRL SCOUTS

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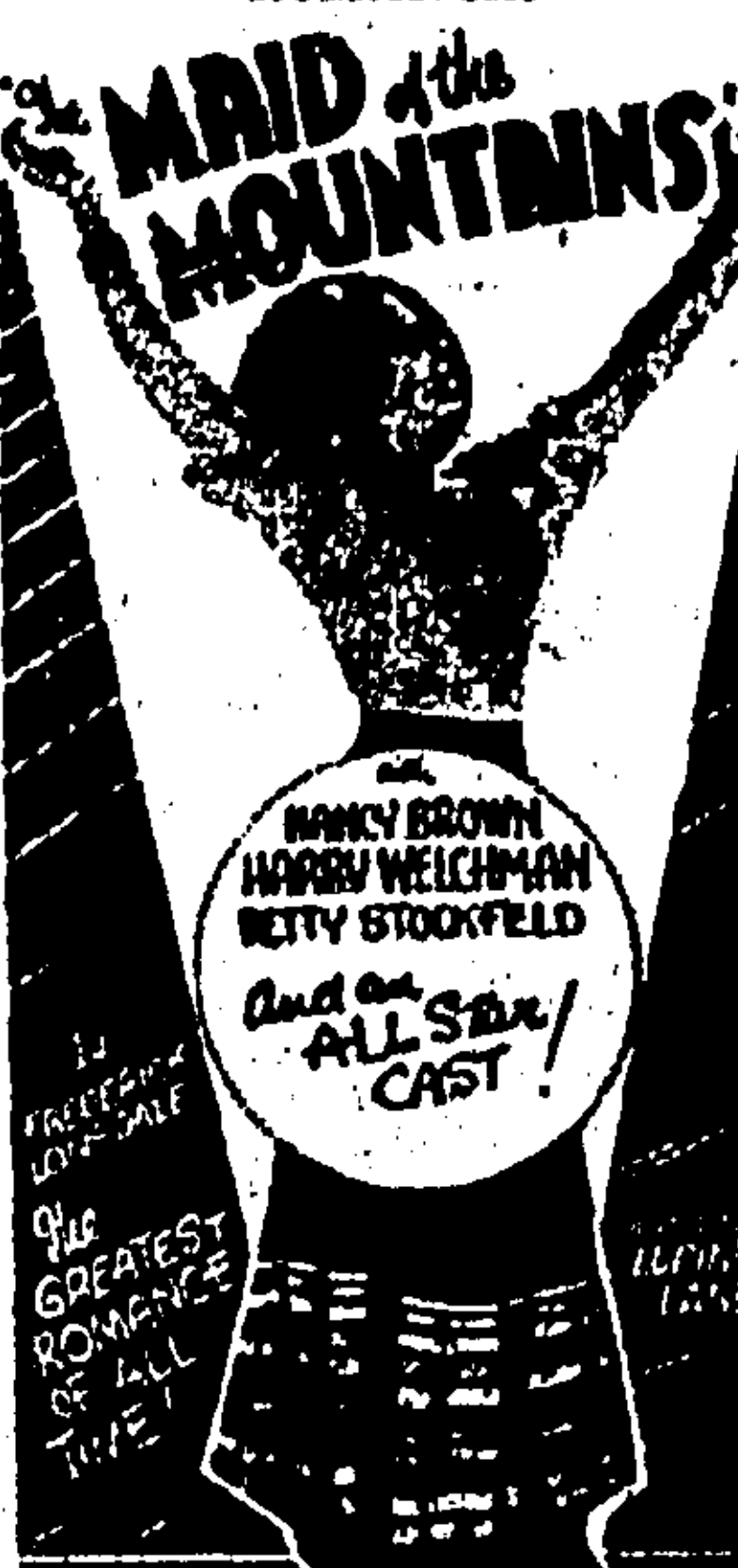
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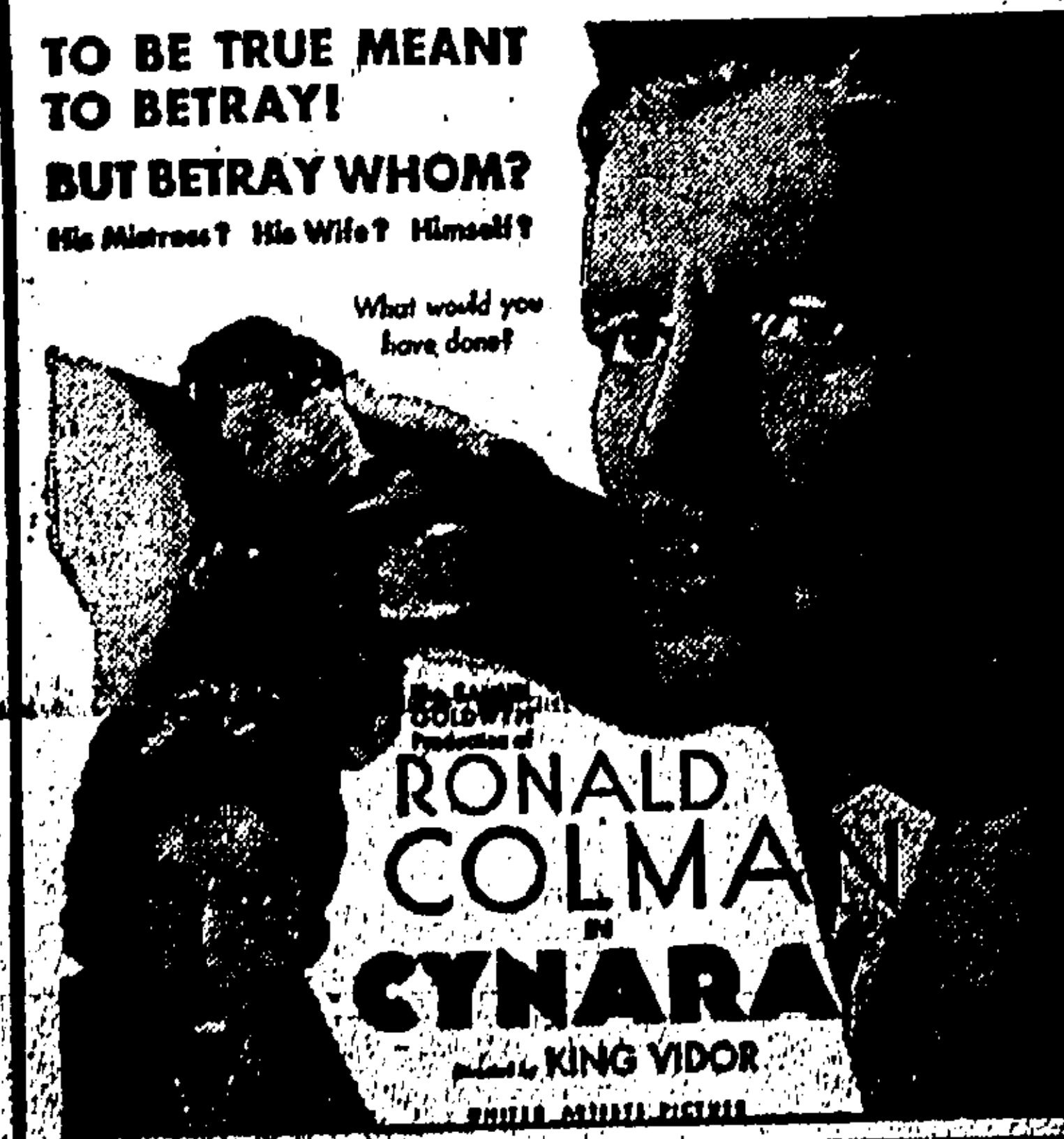
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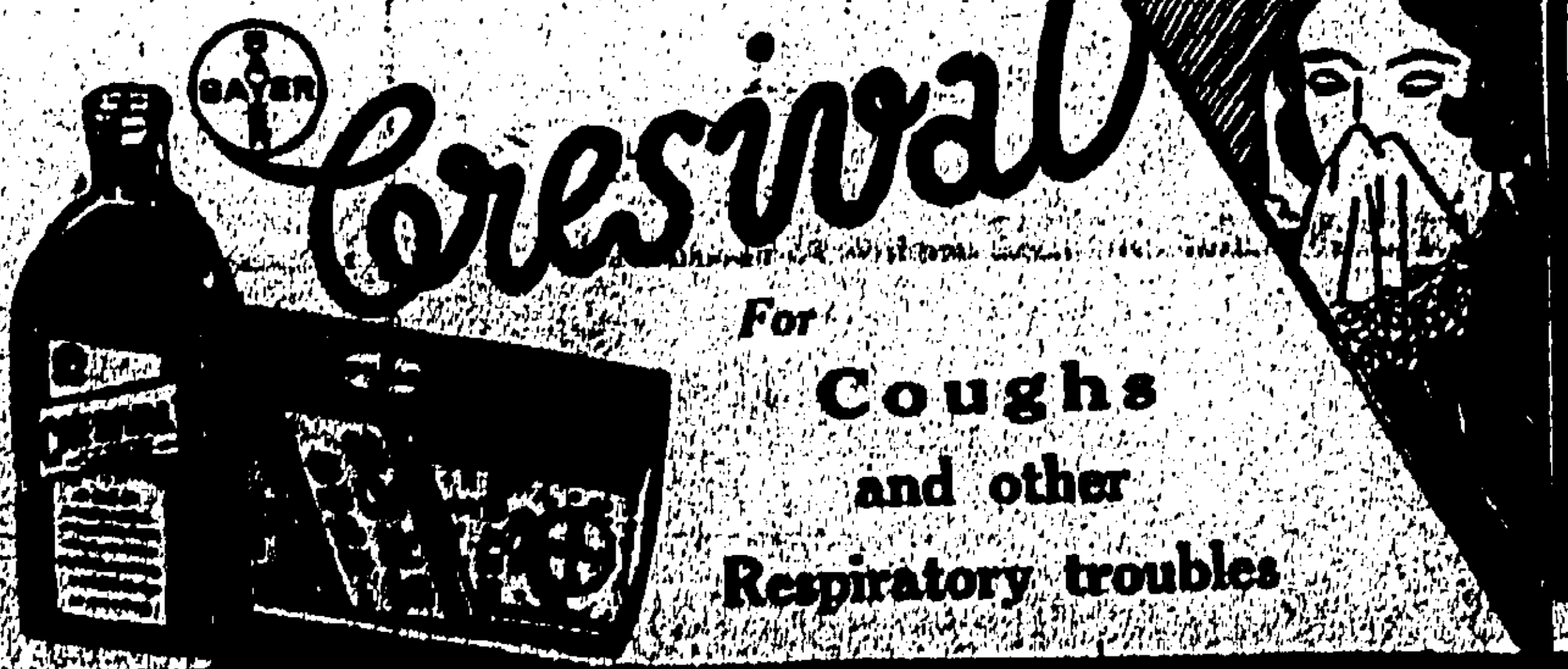


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